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# **COLONIZATION OF THE FINGER LAKES REGION OF NEW YORK STATE BY NESTING OSPREYS**

**(*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*)**

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For the first time in well over two hundred years, if not more, Ospreys (*Pandion haliaetus carolinensis*) are colonizing the Finger Lakes in the heart of New York State (NYS) with Cayuga Lake at its core. Once-regular visitors to inland lakes and rivers throughout the state, Ospreys were predominately coastline dwellers and may not have bred this far inland prior to European colonization. Abundant along the seashore, records from 1800 cite Ospreys nesting in all five boroughs of New York City and Long Island (Buckley *et al.* 2018) but uncommon in the interior of NYS (DeKay 1844). Eaton (1910) reported Osprey colonies around Long Island, where 95% of the population bred (Bierregaard *et al.* 2014). In the early 1900s, Gardiner's Island, just off Long Island, reported 300 nests—the largest Osprey colony recorded (Chapman 1908, Bull 1976). Scattered active nests were also recorded in the lower Hudson River near New York City (Buckley *et al.* 2018). Osprey colonies traditionally occurred in portions of the Adirondack Mountains “where it continues to breed but yearly becomes rarer and rarer on account of the relentless persecution of thoughtless tourists and campers” (Eaton 1910).

By the 1930s, Ospreys migrating across NYS declined due to habitat loss and “ruthless hunters who shoot at any large or unusual bird”; however, remnant populations continued to breed in the Adirondacks and flourish on Long Island, where 496 Osprey pairs were still present as of 1940 (Bull 1976). Rampant use of the pesticide DDT from the 1940s to 1972, however, caused drastic declines in Osprey populations along the east coast, nearly extirpating populations from Long Island (Ames 1966). DDT accumulation in the food chain caused thinning of raptor eggshells and breaking during incubation. Shooting, habitat destruction, and nest robbing also contributed to their demise (Poole 1989). By the mid-1970s, Osprey nest sites had declined 98% overall with only 74 active nests on Long Island (Spitzer and Poole 1980). Since the ban of the insecticide DDT in NYS in 1971, this once federally listed “endangered species” has made a spectacular comeback. Aided by human intervention, Osprey populations multiplied and expanded their range (Bierregaard *et al.* 2016). In 1983, the Osprey was down-listed to “threatened” status by the U.S. government.

During 1980–1987 and 1992–1994, the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) released young Long Island Ospreys near Lake Erie in Cattaraugus County, in southwestern NYS, leading to nine nesting pairs by 1998 (E. Levine, personal communication). Today, the NYSDEC Region 9 reports

slowly growing numbers of Osprey nests in the area around the Allegheny Reservoir and in the 65,000-acre Allegany State Park, near Salamanca, Cattaraugus County.

In 1994, 313 breeding pairs were reported statewide, with 247 pairs in Long Island, 54 active nests in the Adirondacks-St. Lawrence River valley, and 12 nesting pairs scattered elsewhere throughout NYS. Osprey populations were rebounding and expanding their range with at least 1.2 young per breeding pair produced statewide (Loucks 1998). By 1999, the remarkably adaptable Ospreys occupied 350 active nests on Long Island.

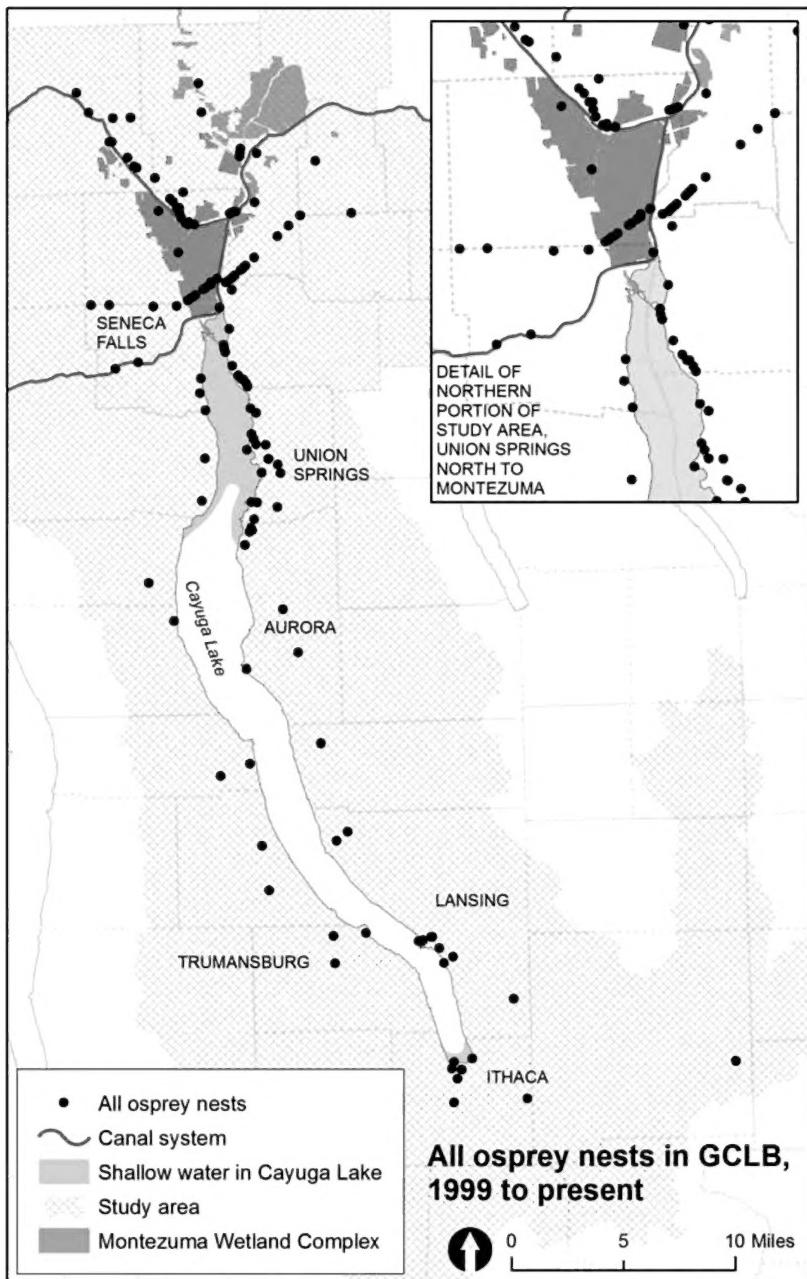
This paper focuses on the Osprey colonization of the Greater Cayuga Lake Basin (GCLB) during 2013–2019 (see Map 1). The GCLB is located in Cayuga, Seneca, and Tompkins Counties in NYS's southern tier Finger Lakes Region and includes the Cayuga Lake Basin and much of the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge Wetland Complex (MNWR). The 50,000-acre (202.2 km<sup>2</sup>) MNWR complex is a mix of state and federal wetland reserve situated on the north end of 40-mile-long (64 km) Cayuga Lake and is a well-known stopping point for migratory birds. The refuge complex is composed of swamps, pools, and channels and is criss-crossed by the Seneca River and Erie Canal.

## METHODS

The size of the Osprey breeding population and their breeding success were ascertained by recording the location and status of all nests in the GCLB visible from public roads or with landowner permission on private roads. This was achieved by driving all roads within three miles of Cayuga Lake each year with the aid of six diligent assistants and crowd sourcing using the Cayuga Bird Club, Northern New York Audubon Society, Eaton Bird Society, Roger Tory Peterson Institute Ornithological Club, and eBird. At least a dozen other active and successful nests located on private property were excluded owing to access and surveying difficulties.

Nest status was recorded as failed, inactive, active, or successful. Failed nests are those that did not produce viable eggs or chicks owing to infertility, disturbed courting, foul weather, or predation (Poole 1989). Inactive nests include those that are presently not in use and new nesting platforms that have not yet been claimed (Postupalsky 1974). An active nest is one that contains viable eggs or young chicks and a successful nest is one that produces fledgling young.

In this study, nests were monitored using 8.5 x 42 binoculars and a spotting scope (25–60 x 65) from a distance of 50–500 feet (15.2–152.4 km), often using the car as a blind. Nests were observed for up to 20 minutes per visit from 20 March, when the first nesting Ospreys returned to the region, through August. The Osprey's habit of breeding in the open on elevated substrates within three miles from their food source generally makes nests easy to locate and monitor, providing a reliable measure of breeding success (Poole 1989).



Map 1. Map of the Greater Cayuga Lake Basin with the nests notated. Ospreys fish primarily on the shallow water shelves (3–5 feet deep) at the ends of the lake.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

**Recent History of the GCLB**—Following writings of DeKay (1844) as well as Reed and Wright (1909), the documentation of Osprey in NYS picks up again in 1950 within the quarterly reports in *Kingbird* authored by a series of ornithologists with the heaviest lifting done by Sally Hoyt-Spofford, Dorothy W. McIlroy, and William E. Benning. By 1950 the damage by DDT was already apparent in the statistics. Allusions to “scattered reports” of single Ospreys in the GCLB number routinely 0–3 from 1950–1978. The seasonality of the sightings—spring and fall—led researchers to suggest they were migrants. In 1979, three sightings were accompanied by the decidedly exciting first appearance of a nesting Osprey pair in Tschache Pool (MNWR staff Nick Vermeulen, personal communication). The nest afforded two fledges in 1980 (Benning 1980) and three in 1981 (Benning 1981). Catastrophic weather disruptions in the mid 1980s (Melin 1987) were followed by reports of persistent sightings in the late 1980s and a nest at MNWR in 1989 (Melin 1989).

The historical details become spartan until 1997, when three nests were noted at MNWR. The period 1999–2003 saw an increase in sightings (10–14 birds per season) at MNWR and a total of nine breeding pairs in the complex and just outside its borders on pylons and double-armed (“double buck”) utility poles (Paul Bass, personal communication). Ironically, that is when the *Kingbird* reports on the GCLB and all of NYS Region 3 go silent. Meanwhile, the population began radiating to the east and west along utility pylon trails and colonizing the northeastern side of Cayuga Lake, nesting primarily on double-armed utility poles paralleling the shore of Cayuga Lake to Aurora, NY (see Map 1, and Figure 1, p. 266). Anecdotal reports from employees at Lansing’s Milliken Power Station, 30 miles (48.2 km) southeast of MNWR on Cayuga Lake, recount an Osprey pair nesting on one of their massive pylons in 1999. This nest, which was lost in a winter storm after a few years, was the first successful nest near the southern end of Cayuga Lake (Milliken Power Station guard and Fritzie Blizzard, personal communications).

To encourage more Ospreys to populate the southern end of the lake, a group of volunteers constructed a nesting platform at Ithaca’s Allan H. Treman State Marina Park in the summer of 2009, which was claimed by Ospreys three years later (Ithaca.com 2009). In 2010, an Osprey pair nested on a utility pole at the Cargill Salt mines in Lansing, four miles (6.4 km) northeast of Ithaca. The nest caught fire and was relocated by NYSEG (New York State Electric and Gas) workers to a new nesting platform (Paul Pardine of NYSEG, personal communication). In following years, NYSEG crews erected over a dozen platforms around the southern end of the lake, most of which are now occupied by Osprey breeding pairs.

In time, Ospreys began nesting on pylons and double-armed utility poles to the east and west of MNWR paralleling the Seneca River and Erie Canal. (See Map 1 insert.) The Osprey colony stretches for 16-miles (25.7 km) along the

northeastern shore from MNWR to Aurora, NY. There are now 144 active and unused Osprey nests in the GCLB, the latter offering potential breeding sites to a growing population. Figure 1 (p. 266) shows a typical mature Osprey nest built on a double-armed utility pole retrofitted with a nestbox riser. The double arms lend critical nest stability.

**GCLB Population Trends**—The GCLB population increased dramatically from nine active nests in 1999 to 101 active nests in 2019 (Table 1; Figure 2). Maps 2–5 trace the addition of new nests in the GCLB from 2013 to 2019 indicating the infilling of nests in the existing colony as well as new nests spreading radially.

Nest Act.	1999	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Successful	9	26	36	36	65	82	91	99
Failed*	0	6	6	4	0	0	2	2
Active	9	26	38	41	72	87	95	101
Inactive	0	2	4	15	26	35	33	32
Total Nests	9	34	48	60	98	122	130	135

\*including newly started nests.

Table 1. Nest activity showing growth trends in the GCLB from 1999–2019.

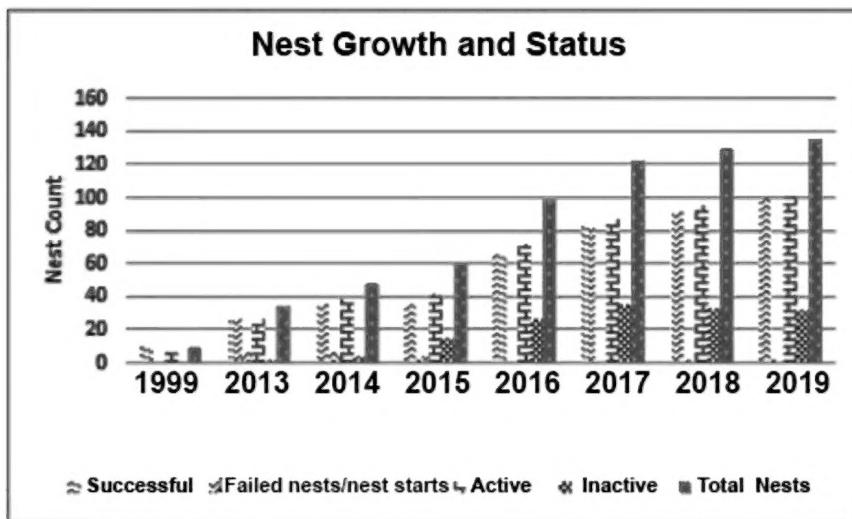
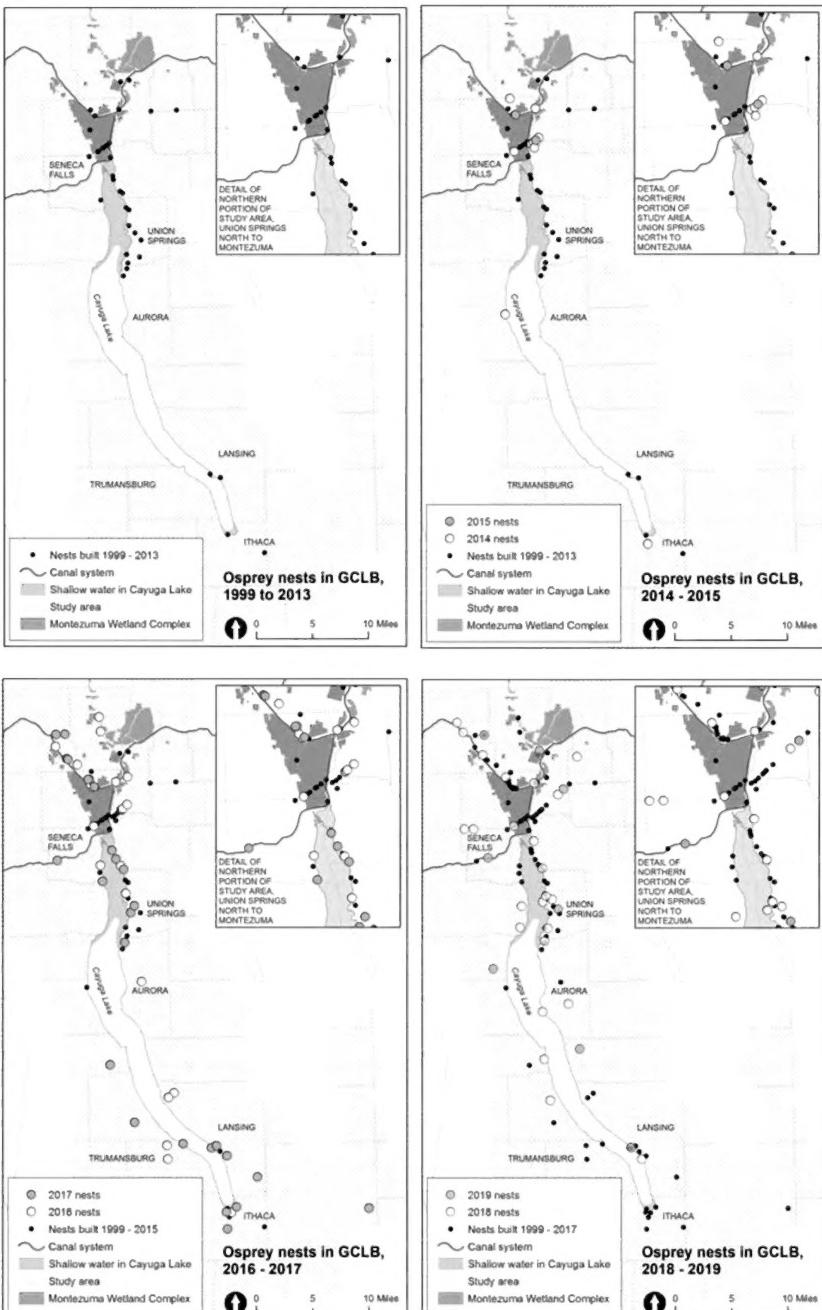


Figure 2. Nest growth trends in the GCLB from 1999–2019.



Maps 2–5. GCLB Osprey nests during four periods: 1999–2013, 2014–2015, 2016–2017, and 2018–2019.

An explosive population growth since 2013 is, in part, due to NYSEG's installation of numerous nesting platforms in the southern end of the lake and risers throughout the basin, which relocate nests posing fire hazards safely above electrified lines. The population at the northern end of Cayuga Lake, where at least 65% of the total nests exist, is expanding southward down the eastern shore for a distance of at least 16 miles (25.5 km) to the Village of Aurora and inland. These nests are up to three miles (4.8 km) inland where double-armed utility poles surround open fields (Maps 2–5). Breeding Ospreys now nest up to 10 miles (16 km) north of MNWR along the Seneca River and westward along the Erie Canal for at least 14 miles (22.5 km). Nests are also located on utility pylon trails marching eastward over the hills for up to nine miles (14.5 km).

The population at the southern end of the lake (11.5% of the total nests) increased as NYSEG erected more nesting platforms. Contemporaneously, new pairs began nesting around the lake, primarily on double-armed utility poles. Twice Osprey pairs attempted nesting on racks of athletic field lights, requiring relocation, as did a pair building along the Ithaca airport runway. Seventeen percent of the total nests are on the east side of the lake near Lansing, NY, and 6.5% of the nests are on the west side near Taughannock Park.

Walsh (2013) reported a 35-year Rhode Island study (1977–2012) showing an Osprey population grew 11.6-fold from 11 to 128 active nests (7% per year) while averaging 1.9 young per active nest. In a 15-year northern California study (1992–2006) breeding success averaged 1.44 young per active nest as the population grew 4.4-fold from 7 to 31 nests (11% per year; Anderson *et al.* 2008). The lower productivity per nest with a higher growth rate of the population in California suggests either a greater survival rate or a higher probability that the California Ospreys returned to the founding population. Both might coincide with the relatively small California population in the expansion phase.

In comparison to these studies, the GCLB had a seven-year average growth of 2.03 young per active nest. The overall population grew 11-fold from 9 to 101 active nests in 20 years (1999–2019, Table 1), which corresponds to an implicit annualized growth rate of 12% per year. Although the data on the GCLB population was not recorded from 1999–2013, the carefully monitored populations in the GCLB from 2013–2019 grew a striking 21% annually, which is exceedingly high when compared with the Rhode Island and California populations. The number of GCLB young fledged also grew 21% annualized.

**Factors Driving Population Expansion**—This rapid population expansion in the GCLB appears to have been driven by ample fisheries and abundant safe nesting substrates ringing the lake.

Ample Food Availability: Cayuga Lake and its tributaries sport 90 species of fish. The lake is stocked annually with nutrient-packed, high-protein Osprey favorites such as lake trout (*Salvelinus namaycush*), brown trout (*Salmo trutta*), rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), and Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) (Carlson *et al.* 2016). Also on the Osprey menu are the plentiful large-mouth and

small-mouth bass (*Micropterus salmonides* and *Micropterus dolomieu*), brown bullheads (*Ameiurus nebulosus*), yellow perch (*Perca flavescens*), suckers (*Catostomus commersonii*), carp (*Cyprinidae spp.*), and various *Centrarchidae* sunfish (Froese and Pauly 2018).

**Accessible Littoral Zones:** Because of their buoyancy, Osprey can only catch fish within three feet of the water's surface (Poole 1989), classified as the littoral zone. The north end of Cayuga Lake near MNWR has 5,800 acres of weedy littoral zone where Ospreys fish. On the lake's south end, a much smaller shelf extends northward from Ithaca for 0.25 miles (0.4 km). Sediments also build up at the mouths of Cayuga's major tributaries, such as Taughannock and Salmon Creeks, forming limited littoral zones where the Osprey fish.

**Ample Safe Nesting Habitat:** In 1974, Bull reported Ospreys nesting on a radio tower and an abandoned chimney on Long Island (Bull 1974). Fifty years later, the US Osprey population has made a remarkable shift from nesting mostly in trees to nesting predominantly on more stable artificial substrates (Bierregaard *et al.* 2016). Contrasting with Ospreys in the Adirondack Mountains, no nests in the GCLB have been found in trees despite the existence of a few appropriate flat-topped white pines around the lake. All recorded Osprey nests in the GCLB have been found on artificial substrates (Figure 3). These include double-armed utility poles retrofitted with nestboxes, pylons, communication towers, nesting platforms, grain elevators, athletic lights, channel markers, water towers, and in one instance on a telephone pole with no other means of support (Cornell and Edelstein 2020). The lack of tree nests can be construed as a preference for nesting on sturdy structures that may present supernormal stimuli.

#### NUMBER OF NESTS FOUND ON EACH SUBSTRATE

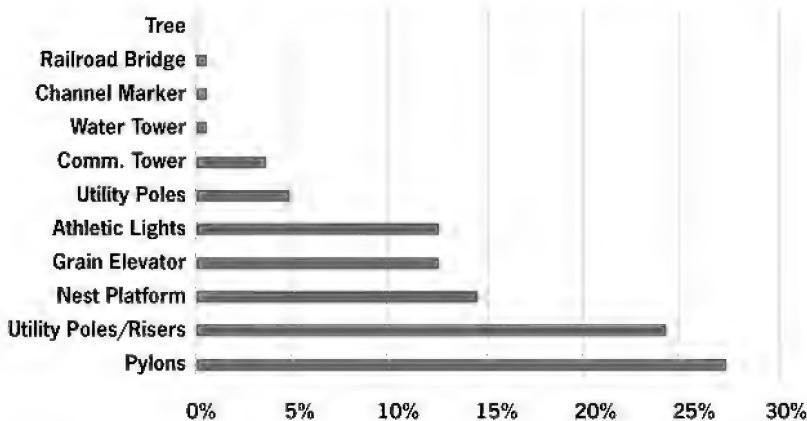


Figure 3. Nesting preferences per substrate in the GCLB. (Data in Table 1.)

A concentration of pylons and double-armed utility poles along roadways proximate to water markedly influence the distribution and success of Osprey  
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nests in the GCLB. As already noted, all known nests in the GCLB are located within three miles (5 km) of Cayuga Lake or other nearby fish-filled waterbodies. For the purposes of this comparison, nests within 0.25 miles (0.4 km) of water are designated as “water” nests whereas those 0.25–3.0 miles (0.4–5 km) from water are designated as “inland” nests. Hagan and Walters (1990) noted significantly greater breeding success rates in coastal areas rather than in inland habitats. The potential advantages of nesting proximate to water include less energy consumption and the benefits for the young of watching the fishing process from the nest. Nonetheless, the reproductive rates of “inland” nests ( $2.3 \pm 0.6$ ) and “water” nests ( $2.4 \pm 0.7$ ) of the GCLB are statistically indistinguishable, most likely because of their small distances from water.

## CONCLUSIONS

The Osprey population in the GCLB founded in the early 1980s has witnessed explosive growth since 2013 due to a number of favorable natural and human factors. The structural features of Cayuga Lake including ample shallow shelves offering a plentiful food supply was critical. One should not, however, overlook fortuitous human contributions, which include a large number of double-armed utility poles circumnavigating the lake and NYSEG’s efforts to provide risers for problematic nests and erect dedicated nesting platforms in strategic locations.

Continued monitoring of the GCLB population expansion is important to ascertain if the Osprey population is in the early exponential portion of the growth curve where birth rates exceed mortality rates. It is also possible that resource depletion, increased predation, or diseases may cause birth rates to fall and mortality rates to climb. Eventually, as resources become more limited, the birth rates will equal the mortality rates and the population size will stabilize as it reaches the carrying capacity of the GCLB. A cycle of rising and falling birth and mortality rates would tend toward a static population.

The Osprey population is expanding beyond the GCLB boundaries with new nests being built westward following the Erie Canal system and in the area northwest of Seneca Lake. Attracted by fish at the plant’s warm-water outfall, Ospreys have nested at the Greenidge Power plant on Seneca’s west shore since 2005. As of 2019 there were at least eight breeding pairs at Greenidge nesting on pylons and ledges of the facility with an additional fifteen breeding pairs residing primarily on cell towers and pylons on the northwest shore of Seneca Lake.

Ospreys have been fishing at Owasco and Skaneateles Lakes to the east of Cayuga Lake, and there are two nests that are within reach of either lake. A proliferation of Ospreys throughout all eleven Finger Lakes is doubtful in the near future, however, as large Bald Eagle populations on some lakes, especially on Honeoye and Hemlock Lakes, might inhibit the Osprey’s spread. Ironically, the resource that most limits the Ospreys from nesting around the other less-populated Finger Lakes appears to be the lack of double-armed residential utility poles.

Ospreys are extremely adaptable birds that will likely thrive despite predicted climate changes provided they find adequate fish and nesting substrates. Ospreys suffered widespread extirpation in the period 1940–1972 from DDT but rose like a phoenix. Now Ospreys are colonizing the Finger Lakes, possibly for the first time. Osprey are considered a sentinel species used to detect environmental stress in aquatic ecosystems such as chemical contaminants dangerous to humans. (Grove *et al.* 2009). These magnificent “fish hawks,” once persecuted by thoughtless hunters and tourists, have now captured the hearts of residents and visitors to Cayuga Lake, who support their conservation and protection.

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# **NEW YORK STATE ORNITHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, INC.**

## **75<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 2, 2022**

The 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the New York State Ornithological Association (NYSOA) was held on 2 October 2022, hosted by the Onondaga Audubon Society at the Lake Ontario Event and Conference Center, Oswego, NY.

**Roll Call** – Vice President Andy Mason called the meeting to order. Recording Secretary Anne Swaim did a roll call of clubs who had registered with all of those present. A quorum was present with greater than 10% of the possible number of delegates. [To access the full meeting documents which will be referenced through these annual meeting minutes, visit: <https://nybirds.org/docs2022/>]

Andy noted with sadness the passing of Sherri (Gerry) Smith, a long-time member of both Onondaga Audubon and NYSOA including work on the Conservation Committee. Andy said there would be further remembrances at Saturday night's dinner.

**2021 Minutes** – The 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion from Shirley Shaw and a second from Brian Dugan with all delegates voting in favor. Andy highlighted that the full **NYS DEC report to NYSOA** is linked online at <https://nybirds.org/docs2022/> with only the summary cover page included in the delegates packet.

**Field Trips** – Mary Beth Warburton reported via email before the meeting that she and Joan Collins would welcome ideas for NYSOA field trips.

### **President's Report – Andy Mason for Pat Aitken**

Pat's report is on pages 8-9. Andy highlighted the 2022 change from quarterly board meetings to bimonthly, held via Zoom.

### **Treasurer's Report – Mary Jane Dugan**

Mary Jane presented an updated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2021 and a single sheet summary financial statement for 2021 that were not included in the delegates packet before the meeting. Digital copies will be available at the board plus site. She noted that the auditors have a strong preference for combining Atlas funds with NYSOA funds for the purposes of the audit because of the shared Federal ID # on these otherwise separate accounts. However, for quarterly reports, we plan to keep these listed separately. Mary Jane Dugan reviewed the single sheet statement as a summary financial statement for calendar year ended 2021. This statement shows only a summary of NYSOA income received and expenses paid in 2021 and is in a format that is recommended for not-for-profit organizations like NYSOA.

Andy noted that **the Audit Committee** statement is on page 16.

### **Bylaws Proposed Changes – Shirley Shaw**

Shirley noted the summary of proposed changes is on page 17, and these include two amendments plus some improvements in language, punctuation, and consistency in

capitalizations. Article IV, Section 1 will allow NYSOA to choose to allow virtual attendance at the Annual Meeting to the extent allowed under NY State law, if the Board chooses to do so. The NY Department of State's temporary 2-year provision allowing virtual meetings during the pandemic has now expired. The second amendment involves Article XVII to clarify that only elected committee members and chairs of special committees—not all committee members—are required to sign conflict of interest statements. A motion was made by Randi Minetor and seconded by Chita McKinney to approve these bylaw changes and passed unanimously.

#### **County and State Listing – Andy Mason on behalf of Carena Pooth**

Andy referred to Carena's report on page 35 with much thanks for her work on this area of NYSOA outreach.

#### **Marketing and Publicity – Brian Dugan**

Brian reviewed the NYSOA postcards and business cards to promote NYSOA.

#### **Membership – Andy Mason on behalf of Pat Aitken**

Andy referred to the report on page 36 and noted the key figures listed there. Annual membership is at 476 and member organizations at 44. There has been some drop in individual memberships from 5-6 years ago but an increase from last year. Those with connections to non-renewing organizations were urged to encourage renewal.

#### **New York State Avian Records Committee – Andy Mason and Shai Mitra**

Willie D'Anna's report on page 37 was noted by Andy. Shai noted that NYSARC is discussing its use of eBird reports and the ongoing reviews of species that have become more common. Gary Chapin's amazing work to review the online sightings records was especially noted and appreciated.

#### **New York State Young Birders' Club – Andy Mason for Roseann Vinson**

Andy emphasized how the NYSYBC has benefitted NYSOA with upcoming leaders both for NYSOA and in conservation. He also noted the importance of support from NYSOA organizations and individuals. The full NYSYBC report is on pages 38-39.

#### **Publications – Shai Mitra and Dan Miller**

Shai noted the use of a new printer for *The Kingbird* and that the transition was easier than expected with the exception of some adjustment for the mailing process. The last issue was printed and mailed with the new process. The digital publication has been well received. An issue is just about to go to printer now and probably another issue before end of calendar year. Five issues were budgeted this calendar year. *New York Birders'* new editor Dan Miller introduced himself and stated the next deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. The value of an ongoing exchange between *NYB* and *KB* was noted by Shai with each editor passing along articles that may be more appropriate for the other publication. Future issues of *The Kingbird* will use an improved regional map. Andy encouraged *New York Birders* content contributions.

#### **NYSOA Checklist – Andy Mason and Shai Mitra for Carena Pooth**

Carena's helpful summary of expected 2023 checklist changes on page 40 was noted. Shai noted the future need for the newest addition of Mottled Duck.

### **New York State Breeding Bird Atlas III – Julie Hart**

Julie highlighted key information from the full report on pages 41-45. An additional NYSDEC grant was received to support the BBA through the next five years and the subsequent publication/web portal. This grant also pays for an assistant coordinator/editor and some field technicians as well as funding for final publication. An additional side research project will look at abundance counts over the next couple of years. There was a question about whether the point count will be open to utilizing experienced volunteers as well as paid technicians. Details for the abundance counts are still in discussion. Andy Mason noted again that Atlas funds are kept separate from NYSOA's main account including funds from Sponsor-a-Species which has been an excellent fund-raising effort.

### **Waterfowl Count – Andy Mason for Bill Ostrander**

Andy noted the report from Bill is in the delegates packet on page 46.

### **Website and Information Services – Andy Mason for Carena Pooth**

Andy summarized Carena's report on page 47 and highlighted once more Carena's tremendous value to NYSOA in multiple areas.

### **Awards – Jerry Thurn**

Jerry noted the list of certificates of appreciation awarded in 2021 on page 48. Jerry highlighted an email link available on nybirds.org to encourage additional submissions. Other awards will be at the dinner including three Lillian Stoner Awards for young birders.

### **Conservation – Andy Mason**

Andy noted the report on page 49. He also summarized the recent advocacy initiated by Putnam Highlands Audubon to encourage Audubon New York to ensure adequate public parking at Constitution Marsh Sanctuary. Andy noted that we always welcome requests for assistance from our member clubs if a letter from NYSOA would be helpful.

### **Elections – Andy Mason and Anne Swaim**

The NYSOA 2022 Nominating Committee, consisting of Joan Collins (Chair), Bob Adamo, and Anne Swaim presented the slate below to serve as NYSOA Officers with terms expiring in 2023, and five Directors with terms expiring in 2024. There were no floor nominations.

#### **Officers:**

President: Patricia Aitken  
Vice President: Anne Swaim  
Treasurer: Mary Jane Dugan  
Recording Secretary: Alison Kocek

#### **Directors:**

Sean Camillieri  
Mary Jane Dugan  
Alison Kocek  
Carena Pooth  
Steve Rappaport

Motion was made by Shai Mitra and seconded by Kathryn Schneider to approve this slate, which carried unanimously.

The following committee slates for 2023 were recommended from the NYSOA Board of Directors for the Delegates Meeting for approval:

**Auditing Committee**

Stephen Chang, Chair  
Tom Burke  
Peter Capainolo

**Nominating Committee**

Joan Collins, Chair  
Bob Adamo  
Charlie Scheim

A motion made by Mike DeSha and seconded by Barbara Butler to approve these committee nominations was approved unanimously by assembled NYSOA Delegates.

**Old Business**

Andy Mason noted that the 2023 Annual Meeting will be held in Westchester County and hosted by Saw Mill River Audubon, Friday, September 22 to Sunday, September 24, 2023.

**No New Business was presented.**

**Adjournment** – Motion to adjourn the meeting was presented by Kathryn Schneider and seconded by Diane Morton; the motion carried.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anne Swaim, Recording Secretary

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**PATCH BIRDING  
BIRDSONG MEADOWS FARM**

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As I contemplate writing this article on patch birding, I find myself wondering where I should start. There have been some great birds, and adventures have been numerous; however, before we dive into recounting bird sightings let me describe to you, at least in some detail, Birdsong Meadows Farm. Starting at 1,100' elevation and rising to 1,550' it is mostly a hilltop farm with a small stream and a few medium sized ponds. There are 80 acres of hardwood forest interspersed here and there with groves of hemlock. The other 170 acres is open pasture and hayland with several overgrown patches and fencerows for some prime bird/wildlife habitat.

The sixty cows that live on the farm are rotationally grazed, patterned to a certain extent after the bison that once roamed most of North America. This type of grazing not only produces nutrient rich milk but also gives grassland birds a much better chance of successful nesting (see photo, p. 266).

Perhaps the most bird friendly spot on the farm is the 10 acre field that has been dubbed ‘The Bobolink Field’. Each year we will leave this field uncut from mid May to late July allowing Bobolinks along with numerous other sharply declining grassland birds a wonderful opportunity to raise young. Being in this field at sunrise on a June morning is an awesome experience.

Overall, when I think back to the first year compared to now, it is obvious that avian life on our farm has increased dramatically, indicating once again that humans, organic rotationally grazed cows, and birds can all work together to create a healthy, vibrant ecosystem.

January 10, 2023 marked five years since my family moved from Ohio to our current farm in Candor, Tioga County, NY. Looking back it seems like five short years but the actual moving day seems like some historic happening.

When we moved to New York I made a few goals to strive for in the world of patch birding. #1. Observe at least 150 species on the farm each year. #2. Tally 200 species on the farm during the first five years. #3 was mostly wishful thinking but it ran along the line of finding one mega rarity on the farm per year.

For the first few days on the farm, that year of 2018, it was so devoid of bird life that it seemed 50 species per year might be more realistic. However, avian life quickly increased after we put bird feeders out. Since the fields were grown up in goldenrod and tall grasses Short-eared Owls and Rough-legged Hawks were numerous that first winter.

On February 26<sup>th</sup> we saw the first big movement of geese; a sight we never saw in Ohio. I distinctly remember the first big flock since it could have ended somewhat tragically. We were installing drywall in an upstairs room when we heard the first big skein of Snow Geese overhead. I opened the window and jumped out on the roof for better observation. Unfortunately the roof was wet and very slippery and I almost took an unwanted flight to the ground. But I was able to catch myself on the window frame, and save myself from some air time and still enjoy the geese. Several days later we had what is still the farm’s only Greater White-fronted Goose on the beaver pond.

Other highlights in 2018 included Olive-sided and Alder Flycatchers, 25 species of warblers, and the fall hawk migration which is another sight not seen in the Buckeye State. All in all, 2018 was a good year and wrapped up with American Pipit which was farm bird #163.

2019 yielded 18 new birds including two that could be considered mega rarities. Black Vultures and a Cackling Goose were flyovers, with the Cackling Goose seen on March 5<sup>th</sup>, the day I have deemed the best ‘goose day’ in the past five years. There were well over 100,000 geese along with gulls and other waterfowl including Northern Pintail, another new one. The first vagrant for the year appeared on September 16<sup>th</sup> when a farm and Tioga County first Western Kingbird showed up. True to the nature of the species it was only seen for about three hours and allowed about a dozen local birders to see it. Another western flycatcher, a Say’s Phoebe, appeared on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The duration of this one’s stay was even shorter at only 20 minutes and was seen by four of our family. The Say’s Phoebe was flycatcher #11 on the farm in 2019 with Acadian Flycatcher being the only one we missed that is not on the state review list. This is a record that will undoubtedly be hard to repeat.

A Northern Goshawk, the sixteenth raptor species for the year, was one of the last of the 166 species of birds enjoyed on Birdsong Meadows Farm in 2019.

The first highlight in 2020 was a Great Black-backed Gull as a flyover in March. In early June Dad found the first farm/county Yellow-breasted Chat crowing away in an overgrown field just across our property line. This bird was very easy to hear but getting a good look at it was another story. It remained at that spot for one day then moved two miles down the road where it hung out for over a week, singing most of the forenoon and again in the evening, sometimes going till almost midnight.

On the evening of September 23<sup>rd</sup> I had the privilege of finding the farm's second Say's Phoebe, this time an adult. This one had better manners than the one the previous year (or was it the same one?) and stuck around for two hours, long enough to alert other birders.

Winter finches were big news in 2020 with basically the whole nine yards—Red and White-winged Crossbills (both new farm birds), Common Redpolls, Pine Siskins and Evening Grosbeaks were observed.

Two first-timers, a Red-throated Loon and a Long-eared Owl, topped off the 2020 list at 170.

2021 was a phenomenal year, the kind of year when the pieces were all there and fit together. To get the year off to a great start were the continuing winter finches. In March a Ross's Goose joined the thousands of Snow Geese flying overhead. The spring migration was pretty good, with most of the expected and some harder-to-get passerines making it onto the list. A Least Sandpiper at the pond was a first.

The first sweep of fall migration occurred in mid August bringing a long awaited, beautiful adult male Golden-winged Warbler. A Connecticut Warbler was next in line. This bird is probably far more common than we think but so very skulky.

The fall Broad-winged Hawk migration was the best in five years with over 10,000 counted, throughout September.

Other autumn highlights were a nocturnal flyover Black-bellied Plover, its distinctive flight call clinching its identity, and a migrant Northern Shrike.

It wouldn't be fair not to mention the Yellow Rail which resided in our neighbor's field for a day. Though it was only 200 yards across our property line, despite effort, we were unable to see it from our farm and thus secure it for the farm list.

2021 ended with 181 species which was eleven more than the previous high count. I give most of the credit to a decent spring and an excellent fall migration which meant we didn't miss as many birds that can be hard to find and easy to overlook!

2022, the fifth year on the farm, started out slow, till March when we got two somewhat unexpected firsts, both as flyovers. Trumpeter Swan came first, followed shortly thereafter by several Lesser Black-backed Gulls.

Beautiful weather in May did not produce any fallout and led to what was my worst spring migration in five years. Despite this, we did hit a milestone on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May. It was 1:00 A.M. and I was sitting in a camping chair on the hilltop watching the lunar eclipse and listening to an abundance of birds overhead that were taking advantage of the light south breeze. Many flight calls were drifting out of the night sky. The buzzy notes of Indigo Bunting wafted to my ears. Black-billed Cuckoos uttered their 'Guulip' call, a Least Sandpiper creaked a few times, Green Herons called out their distinctive 'Whoosh', and at all times the lisps and chirps of warblers filled the night. It was in this setting that, directly overhead, a Common Gallinule let loose in one long cackle. The gallinule, of course, didn't know it but it got the honor of being bird #200 on the all-time farm list.

The next new bird didn't come until October when I flushed a Yellow Rail in the field we left uncut for the Bobolinks. More than 30 birders were able to enjoy the farm's first Yellow Rail. Unfortunately it was seen only one day and despite having 30 more birders show up the next day and doing an organized rail drag with a rope, we came up empty.

The last new bird in 2022 was a somewhat odd occurrence and one I totally missed seeing. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, a warm balmy day, two of my sisters, Eliza and Claudia, were cleaning out the last of the garden's bounty when to their surprise a hummingbird came buzzing to a small remaining patch of blooming petunias. Fortunately the flowers were only a few feet from where they were working, allowing for a couple of seconds of close-up hummer study before it zoomed into the woods. They noted a rusty undertail and somewhat bulky size which points to almost certainly a Rufous/Allen's Hummingbird. Everyone closely eyed the flowers and hummingbird feeder the next few days, but the hummer was gone, hopefully buzzing its way south.

2022 came to an end with 178 for the year list and 202 on the total farm list. Two of those three goals set five years ago had been met, and though I knew one mega a year would be quite a feat to achieve, I feel very fortunate to have had more than our share of truly rare birds. And the excitement continues.

A flyover Red Crossbill was a highlight the first week in January 2023, followed by a Northern Shrike and Ross's Goose in March. Skywatching on March 18<sup>th</sup> yielded a record-breaking 10 Golden Eagles; this broke my previous one-day count by six birds.

As I conclude this article on May 13<sup>th</sup> 2023, it almost seems as if I've left the most phenomenal sighting till last. On the 28<sup>th</sup> of April a first farm/county record Scissor-tailed Flycatcher showed up. The bird, a beautiful adult with a spectacular tail, graced the pasture, usually hanging out close to the cows. It was here until May 10<sup>th</sup>, and well over 100 people enjoyed this elegant bird of the southern plains. This was the first rarity on our property that stayed for more than one day and it will surely rank as one of the most exciting avian appearances on Birdsong Meadows Farm.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON—SPRING 2022

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The spring 2022 season started and ended with above average temperatures across the state, sandwiched around a slightly cooler than normal April. Rainfall was mostly below average in the western Regions, normal or slightly above in the eastern sections.

As the years go by, it's clear that some of our "rare" birds continue to become less rare over time. Two examples would be Ross's and Greater White-fronted Geese—both still scarce, but in recent years multiples are reported from most Regions. Our Region 1 editors call Ross's Goose "an expected, annual spring migrant". Sandhill Crane is another, with at least eight Regions reporting them. In Region 4, Lance Verderame commented "It appears this species is becoming an expanding and consistent breeder in Chenango County."

Warm temperatures left many waterways more open than normal, and waterfowl numbers in general were good. Observers made spectacular counts of 500,000 – 600,000 Snow Geese in the Montezuma WMA in Regions 2 and 3. The same area produced the state's second record for Tundra Bean-Goose. Elsewhere, Pink-footed Geese were reported from Regions 9 and 10, and Barnacle Goose was found in Region 4. And at the opposite end of the state, a Black-bellied Whistling Duck was a first for Richmond County in Region 10. Trumpeter Swans continued their march towards the inevitable, with birds recorded in at least seven Regions, and a statewide high of 26 at Upper and Lower Lakes in Region 6.

Some of the more expected rarities included two Brant in Region 1, a Eurasian Green-winged Teal in Region 2, Tufted Ducks in Regions 3 and 7, and Eurasian Wigeon from at least six Regions. King Eiders were found in Regions 1 and 2, where rare, and an even rarer Common Eider remained through the period at Braddock Bay in Region 2. A Cinnamon Teal at Groveland Flats provided only the second Region 2 record of this statewide rarity. Quite unexpected was a Mottled Duck found by a very astute birder at Ketcham's Creek in Region 10—a first state record and a long staying bird that put on a show for many observers.

Northern Bobwhites were found in at least four Regions, with captive origins suspected for most, if not all. This species does not seem to be able to survive without artificial supplements to its population, even in the sweltering climes of Region 10. The same probably applies to the few scattered records of Ring-necked Pheasant. Ruffed Grouse seems to have been a bit easier to find this spring than in recent years, with comments like “many reports throughout entire Region” from Region 4. Is there cause for some cautious optimism or is someone releasing these as well?

Long-legged waders were about normal, with scattered Yellow-crowned Night-Herons, Little Blue Herons and Snowy Egrets away from the coast. White-faced Ibises were picked out in Regions 1 and 2 and Glossies were found in nearly every Region. A White Ibis in Brooklyn in Region 10 was a great find. When Brendan Fogarty in Region 10 says “no spoilers” but then spills the beans about this bird being “the first of many” for 2022, it makes me very happy that I wasn’t watching Game of Thrones with him. Further east on Long Island, a Great White Heron put in a brief appearance at Shinnecock.

Sora and Virginia Rails seemed to be pretty widespread as did American Coot and Common Gallinule. A King Rail in Region 10 was an amazing find, seen keeping company with a Clapper Rail through the season.

Region 3 turned up some premium shorebird sightings with a Curlew Sandpiper 13-14 May and a Baird’s Sandpiper 29 May. A black Ruff in Region 1 was a great find, as was a Marbled Godwit in Region 2. Rare-in-spring American Golden-Plovers were scattered across the state. A count of 52 Red Knots at Conewango Swamp in Region 1 was an exceptional inland tally. A Least Sandpiper photographed on 13 March in Region 10 was exceptionally early.

Looking at other waterbirds, a Neotropic Cormorant photographed in Newburgh was a first for Region 9. Glaucous and Iceland Gulls were reported from nearly every Region and a Franklin’s at Sodus Point in Region 2 was the only one noted statewide. A Magnificent Frigatebird lingered around the Orient area in Region 10.

No doubt The Event of Spring 2022 was the incursion of Arctic Terns into inland sections of the Northeast, including the southern mainland areas of New York State.

Check the accounts from the Regional editors for Regions 8 and 9 for a sense of the excitement and astonishment that observers from southern Pennsylvania through New England experienced on the morning of 13 May. Apparently, a strong easterly flow of air produced strong onshore winds that pushed large numbers of Arctic Terns past coastal points and into areas where they are almost never encountered.

Bill Ostrander in Region 3 reports good counts of both cuckoo species, attributed to the caterpillars that typically drive cuckoo numbers. Nightjars are one group where news is nearly always dire. This spring, though, there were a couple of slightly more encouraging reports, with nice counts of Common Nighthawk in Region 5, 40 counted on one date in Region 4, and “encouraging” numbers of Whip-poor-will in Region 8.

Golden Eagles continue to become less surprising statewide and scattered Swallow-tailed and Mississippi Kites seemed to be about normal. A Swainson’s Hawk at Derby Hill in Region 5 was the only one reported, but the Top Raptor Award has to go to the Zone-tailed Hawk photographed at Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn, Region 10. Whether this is the individual that has journeyed up and down the east coast for the past several years is up for debate, but this represents the first time it has been fully documented in New York.

A remarkable one-day tally of 458 Red-bellied Woodpeckers on the Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count was indicative of a strong showing statewide by many woodpecker species. In some cases, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker for example, this may have been a result of birds overwintering through a mild winter.

*Empidonax* flycatchers as well as Olive-sided seemed to be pretty widely reported, although counts seemed low to average, with the exception of Willow. The Buffalo spring count tallied 209 Willows, a count record. Best among the flycatcher tribe was a Western Kingbird photographed at Beechwood SP in Region 2.

Bicknell’s Thrush continues to hold on in the few breeding locations left in Regions 7, 8, and 9, and a small handful were detected as migrants in Region 10. Most “winter” finch species lingered into the early part of the period, but Red Crossbill remained widespread and in good numbers and apparently bred throughout large swaths of the state.

There were a lot of reports of “southern” passersines—maybe indicating a look into our future? In Region 1, Yellow-throated Warblers were noted as making a strong showing, while three Summer Tanagers and a Kentucky Warbler were rarities. Yellow-throated and Kentucky Warblers were reported from four Regions, Summer Tanagers from five. In Region 2, 35 species of warblers were topped by a Kirtland’s on 15 May, one day before another was seen in Region 6. A Smith’s Longspur in Region 2 provided a first Regional record there. A Yellow-breasted Chat caught at the Crown Point banding station in Region 7 provided the first record in the eBird database. Two western warblers added spice to the birding scene in Brooklyn—a Black-throated Gray in late April and a Townsend’s in late May. A Western Tanager and a Painted Bunting, also in Region 10, are becoming fairly routine “rarities”, but two Western Tanagers in Region 2 were a bit more surprising.

A one-day count of 700 Rusty Blackbirds passing Derby Hill in Region 5 is pretty impressive. In that same account, David Wheeler’s report on MOTUS tracking sites gives a fascinating glimpse into the movements of individual birds. With birds tagged as far away as Quebec and Colombia, you really get the sense of this hemisphere-wide web of birds, and we are in the middle of it.

Despite there being two new additions to the New York State list this season, I think my choice for Bird of the Season goes to Arctic Tern. The incursion described in the Regional reports and elsewhere provides a peek into the movements of this bird, unfamiliar and little known as it normally passes through parts of the globe that are largely hidden from us. The fact that so many people had opportunities to see a species that normally only occurs along the fringes of our state, I think makes the Arctic Tern incident a special event for many non-coastal observers.

Good birding till next time.

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## SPRING ARRIVAL DATES FOR 2022

Region	Species Evaluated <sup>1</sup>	Region vs. NYS <sup>2</sup>	2022 vs. Avg 1987-2021 <sup>3</sup>	2022 vs. 2021	Record Early Spp.
1	90	-1.8	-5.7	-0.6	8
2	93	-0.7	-3.7	-0.6	4
3	92	-1.8	-5.2	-1.3	7
4	92	0.4	-7.4	-0.3	8
5	92	1.0	-4.2	0.0	9
6	89	5.5	-5.8	-1.3	4
7	89	7.7	-5.1	-0.6	6
8	91	0.9	-6.5	-2.7	5
9	93	-5.0	-9.7	-1.5	5
10	84	-3.3	-6.1	0.5	3
NYS	93	.	-5.7	-1.1	20 <sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Maximum number of species = 93; a species might not be evaluated in a Region if overwintering birds obscured the arrival of migrants, or if the species was not detected at all during the season. Omission of species can affect a Region's overall average; for instance if one or two very early migrants were not evaluated, the Region's average date would be biased upward.

<sup>2</sup>Average arrival in a Region compared to the average of all Regions, in 2022 (days).

<sup>3</sup>Average arrival in a Region compared to that Region's average, 1987-2021 (days).

<sup>4</sup>Average arrival across New York's ten Regions was record-early for 20 species.

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## The King Bird

Maybe it's the elevation atop a tall tree,  
its usual perch, that makes this bird seem  
kingly, master of all it surveys, but  
I'd call it the surveyor bird, whose outlook  
redeems it from royal proclamations...

**George Held**

Spring Arrival Dates 2022. Dates in <b>bold</b> font indicate record-early arrivals for the Region.												
Species	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Reg. 10	NYS Avg	Avg 1987-2022
<b>Wood Duck</b>	24 Feb	23 Feb	2 Mar	3 Mar	21 Feb	6 Mar	10 Mar	18 Feb	12 Feb		25 Feb	9 Mar
<b>Blue-winged Teal</b>	10 Mar	17 Mar	6 Mar	20 Mar	20 Mar	16 Mar	7 Apr	17 Mar	8 Mar	23 Mar	17 Mar	27 Mar
<b>Northern Pintail</b>	22 Feb	11 Feb	23 Feb	1 Mar	23 Feb	10 Mar	7 Mar	10 Feb	12 Feb		22 Feb	4 Mar
<b>Green-winged Teal</b>	12 Feb	6 Mar	27 Feb	5 Mar	2 Mar	10 Mar	7 Mar	3 Mar	17 Feb		28 Feb	12 Mar
<b>Black-billed Cuckoo</b>	11 May	12 May	8 May	12 May	9 May	13 May	11 May	7 May	12 May	4 May	9 May	11 May
<b>Common Nighthawk</b>	8 May	10 May	<b>14 Apr</b>	11 May	15 May	14 May	11 May	8 May	11 May	5 May	7 May	12 May
<b>Chimney Swift</b>	22 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	6 May	24 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	22 Apr	24 Apr
<b>Ruby-thr. Hummingbird</b>	<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>19 Apr</b>	28 Apr	27 Apr	24 Apr	3 May	3 May	24 Apr	15 Apr	17 Apr	<b>24 Apr</b>	1 May
<b>Virginia Rail</b>	1 Apr	<b>21 Mar</b>	24 Mar	8 Apr	31 Mar	3 Apr	11 May	<b>15 Mar</b>	17 Mar	1 Apr	31 Mar	14 Apr
<b>Sora</b>	5 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	15 Apr	<b>6 Apr</b>	6 May	2 May	14 Apr	9 Apr	8 May	18 Apr	26 Apr
<b>Common Gallinule</b>	8 Apr	2 Apr	9 Apr	28 Apr	15 Apr	12 Apr	21 May	23 Apr	14 Apr	17 Apr	<b>17 Apr</b>	24 Apr
<b>Black-bellied Plover</b>	1 May	3 May	7 May	19 May	12 May	14 May		31 May	4 May		11 May	14 May
<b>Killdeer</b>	22 Feb	22 Feb	22 Feb	2 Mar	24 Feb	9 Mar	17 Mar	<b>12 Feb</b>	12 Feb	<b>12 Feb</b>	23 Feb	3 Mar
<b>Semipalmated Plover</b>	5 May	6 May	9 May	15 May	12 May		14 May	<b>25 Apr</b>	16 May	12 Apr	6 May	9 May
<b>Sanderling</b>	21 May	27 May	6 May		19 May				7 Apr		10 May	16 May
<b>Least Sandpiper</b>	1 May	28 Apr	26 Apr	5 May	1 May	10 May	12 May	20 Apr	24 Apr	<b>13 Mar</b>	<b>25 Apr</b>	2 May
<b>Pectoral Sandpiper</b>	31 Mar	20 Mar	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>26 Mar</b>	8 Apr		13 Apr	<b>28 Mar</b>	19 Mar	28 Mar	<b>28 Mar</b>	17 Apr
<b>Semipalmated Sandpiper</b>	3 May	17 May	9 May	25 May	16 May			16 May	4 May	5 May	11 May	13 May
<b>American Woodcock</b>	24 Feb	10 Mar	2 Mar	6 Mar	6 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar	7 Mar	12 Feb		3 Mar	9 Mar
<b>Wilson's Snipe</b>	13 Mar	9 Mar	13 Mar	6 Mar	17 Mar	21 Mar	31 Mar	15 Mar	3 Mar		14 Mar	22 Mar
<b>Spotted Sandpiper</b>	14 Apr	11 Apr	11 Apr	16 Apr	13 Apr	1 May	15 Apr	9 Apr	8 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	21 Apr
<b>Solitary Sandpiper</b>	14 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	25 Apr	<b>31 Mar</b>	1 May	5 May	1 Apr	23 Apr	10 Apr	<b>16 Apr</b>	24 Apr
<b>Lesser Yellowlegs</b>	2 Apr	20 Mar	<b>20 Mar</b>	16 Apr	22 Apr	24 Apr	<b>6 Apr</b>	9 Apr	31 Mar	13 Apr	7 Apr	15 Apr
<b>Greater Yellowlegs</b>	22 Mar	23 Mar	19 Mar	13 Apr	19 Mar	13 Apr	12 Apr	3 Apr	31 Mar	19 Mar	29 Mar	5 Apr
<b>Caspian Tern</b>	6 Apr	5 Apr	5 Apr	18 Apr	4 Apr	2 Apr	<b>27 Mar</b>	8 Apr	<b>1 Apr</b>	26 Apr	7 Apr	15 Apr
<b>Black Tern</b>	29 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	22 May	2 May	5 May	10 May	20 May	19 May	14 May	7 May	7 May
<b>Common Tern</b>	9 Apr	12 Apr	12 Apr	26 Apr	12 Apr	16 Apr	27 Apr	14 May	19 Apr	26 Apr	20 Apr	24 Apr
<b>American Bittern</b>	31 Mar	11 Apr	13 Apr	3 Apr	9 Apr	3 Apr	11 Apr	5 Apr	2 Apr	31 Mar	5 Apr	12 Apr
<b>Green Heron</b>	14 Apr	17 Apr	14 Apr	15 Apr	15 Apr	18 Apr	2 May	17 Apr	31 Mar	3 Apr	14 Apr	20 Apr
<b>Osprey</b>	19 Mar	24 Mar	16 Mar	21 Mar	<b>17 Mar</b>	23 Mar	23 Mar	23 Mar	17 Mar	5 Mar	18 Mar	26 Mar
<b>Yellow-bellied Sapsucker</b>		31 Mar	4 Apr	13 Mar	1 Apr	28 Mar	3 Apr	17 Mar	25 Mar		26 Mar	1 Apr

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	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Reg. 10	NYS Avg	Avg 1987-2022
<b>Great Crested Flycatcher</b>	24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	30 Apr	25 Apr	<b>26 Apr</b>	4 May	22 Apr	24 Apr	20 Apr	<b>25 Apr</b>	30 Apr
<b>Eastern Kingbird</b>	24 Apr	25 Apr	15 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	5 May	22 Apr	21 Apr	21 Apr	<b>23 Apr</b>	27 Apr
<b>Olive-sided Flycatcher</b>	15 May	16 May	15 May	29 May	16 May	14 May	13 May	16 May	15 May	3 May	15 May	17 May
<b>Eastern Wood-Pewee</b>	6 May	10 May	8 May	8 May	6 May	8 May	13 May	2 May	3 May	29 Apr	6 May	9 May
<b>Alder Flycatcher</b>	11 May	12 May	11 May	11 May	11 May	12 May	13 May	11 May	13 May	17 May	12 May	15 May
<b>Willow Flycatcher</b>	11 May	9 May	9 May	13 May	6 May	11 May	14 May	9 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	14 May
<b>Least Flycatcher</b>	<b>24 Apr</b>	1 May	25 Apr	16 Apr	25 Apr	<b>25 Apr</b>	6 May	25 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	<b>25 Apr</b>	30 Apr
<b>Eastern Phoebe</b>	<b>5 Mar</b>	18 Mar	6 Mar	11 Mar	16 Mar	15 Mar	19 Mar	10 Mar	10 Mar	6 Mar	11 Mar	20 Mar
<b>Yellow-throated Vireo</b>	28 Apr	26 Apr	26 Apr	25 Apr	1 May	1 May	14 May	1 May	22 Apr	8 Apr	27 Apr	2 May
<b>Blue-headed Vireo</b>	14 Apr	18 Apr	13 Apr	13 Apr	17 Apr	22 Apr	18 Apr	14 Apr	13 Apr	11 Apr	15 Apr	18 Apr
<b>Warbling Vireo</b>	24 Apr	25 Apr	25 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	2 May	3 May	25 Apr	24 Apr	21 Apr	26 Apr	29 Apr
<b>Red-eyed Vireo</b>	3 May	5 May	25 Apr	1 May	2 May	9 May	3 May	5 May	1 May	25 Apr	1 May	3 May
<b>Bank Swallow</b>	15 Apr	12 Apr	17 Apr	18 Apr	17 Apr	2 May	10 May	20 Apr	14 Apr	13 Apr	19 Apr	23 Apr
<b>Tree Swallow</b>	11 Mar	6 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar	12 Mar	22 Mar	20 Mar	8 Mar	10 Mar	7 Mar	12 Mar	18 Mar
<b>N. Rough-winged Swallow</b>	6 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	9 Apr	6 Apr	16 Apr	23 Apr	2 Apr	13 Mar	26 Mar	5 Apr	12 Apr
<b>Purple Martin</b>	5 Apr	31 Mar	12 Apr	9 May	11 Apr	20 Apr	13 Apr	9 Apr	6 Apr	19 Mar	10 Apr	16 Apr
<b>Barn Swallow</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	5 Apr	3 Apr	3 Apr	9 Apr	11 Apr	13 Apr	8 Apr	30 Mar	26 Mar	4 Apr	8 Apr
<b>Cliff Swallow</b>	<b>25 Mar</b>	14 Apr	16 Apr	<b>2 Apr</b>	20 Apr	23 Apr	9 May	23 Apr	18 Apr	20 Apr	16 Apr	25 Apr
<b>Ruby-crowned Kinglet</b>	24 Mar	2 Apr	18 Mar	5 Apr	5 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	6 Apr	30 Mar	2 Apr	2 Apr	5 Apr
<b>Blue-gray Gnatcatcher</b>	11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr	16 Apr	14 Apr	25 Apr	<b>15 Apr</b>	14 Apr	6 Apr	18 Mar	11 Apr	18 Apr
<b>House Wren</b>	17 Apr	14 Apr	6 Apr	<b>6 Apr</b>	15 Apr	21 Apr	30 Apr	16 Apr	14 Apr	5 Apr	14 Apr	20 Apr
<b>Marsh Wren</b>	10 Apr	8 Apr	16 Apr	13 Apr	5 Apr	18 Apr	2 May	26 Mar	26 Mar	11 Apr	10 Apr	25 Apr
<b>Gray Catbird</b>	23 Apr	4 Apr	24 Apr	<b>11 Mar</b>	24 Apr	28 Apr	<b>2 Mar</b>	24 Apr	25 Mar	24 Apr	<b>9 Apr</b>	23 Apr
<b>Brown Thrasher</b>	29 Mar	1 Apr	13 Apr	9 Apr	14 Apr	10 Apr	4 Apr	11 Apr	26 Mar	31 Mar	5 Apr	13 Apr
<b>Eastern Bluebird</b>		7 Mar		1 Mar		10 Mar			1 Apr	7 Mar	11 Mar	9 Mar
<b>Veery</b>	<b>27 Apr</b>	25 Apr	26 Apr	<b>17 Apr</b>	30 Apr	5 May	30 Apr	27 Apr	24 Apr	16 Apr	25 Apr	1 May
<b>Swainson's Thrush</b>	25 Apr	7 May	7 May	14 May	5 May	11 May	9 May	4 May	3 May	28 Apr	5 May	7 May
<b>Hermit Thrush</b>	14 Mar	2 Apr	<b>4 Mar</b>	3 Mar	26 Mar	6 Apr	2 Apr	9 Apr	1 Apr		25 Mar	5 Apr
<b>Wood Thrush</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	23 Apr	18 Apr	26 Apr	26 Apr	5 May	24 Apr	24 Apr	15 Apr	<b>23 Apr</b>	28 Apr
<b>Chipping Sparrow</b>	13 Mar	28 Mar	31 Mar	<b>1 Mar</b>	6 Apr	6 Apr	23 Mar	25 Mar	2 Apr	25 Mar	25 Mar	2 Apr
<b>White-crowned Sparrow</b>		7 Apr	16 Apr	24 Mar	22 Apr	24 Apr	8 Apr	24 Apr	4 Apr	10 Apr	<b>12 Apr</b>	22 Apr

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	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Region 7	Region 8	Region 9	Reg. 10			
<b>Vesper Sparrow</b>	5 Apr	8 Apr	3 Apr	<b>20 Mar</b>	<b>17 Mar</b>	11 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	<b>9 Mar</b>	29 Mar	<b>30 Mar</b>		9 Apr
<b>Savannah Sparrow</b>	15 Mar	5 Apr	29 Mar	19 Mar	6 Apr	5 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	10 Mar	<b>22 Mar</b>	28 Mar		5 Apr
<b>Lincoln's Sparrow</b>	30 Apr	2 May	<b>30 Apr</b>	12 May	3 May	9 May	8 May	4 May	<b>9 Apr</b>	23 Apr	1 May		3 May
<b>Eastern Towhee</b>	8 Mar	26 Mar	14 Mar	13 Mar	31 Mar	5 Apr	<b>6 Mar</b>	2 Apr	3 Apr	17 Mar	<b>21 Mar</b>		6 Apr
<b>Bobolink</b>	30 Apr	23 Apr	<b>30 Apr</b>	2 May	26 Apr	5 May	30 Apr	30 Apr	25 Apr	1 May	29 Apr		1 May
<b>Baltimore Oriole</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	14 Apr	2 May	2 May	27 Apr	23 Apr	14 Apr	<b>23 Apr</b>		28 Apr
<b>Ovenbird</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	27 Apr	<b>24 Apr</b>	2 May	5 May	26 Apr	<b>15 Apr</b>	16 Apr	<b>24 Apr</b>		28 Apr
<b>Northern Waterthrush</b>	23 Apr	24 Apr	20 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	25 Apr	22 Apr	12 Apr	22 Apr		25 Apr
<b>Black-and-white Warbler</b>	24 Apr	<b>13 Apr</b>	23 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	3 Apr	19 Apr		23 Apr
<b>Tennessee Warbler</b>	3 May	8 May	3 May	6 May	6 May	11 May	12 May	6 May	3 May	3 May	6 May		8 May
<b>Nashville Warbler</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	25 Apr	25 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr		28 Apr
<b>Mourning Warbler</b>	6 May	10 May	10 May	12 May	12 May	14 May	16 May	13 May	15 May	3 May	11 May		13 May
<b>Common Yellowthroat</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	24 Apr	27 Apr	3 May	29 Apr	26 Apr	14 Apr	14 Apr	24 Apr		28 Apr
<b>American Redstart</b>	<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>25 Apr</b>	<b>16 Apr</b>	1 May	2 May	5 May	6 May	29 Apr	25 Apr	23 Apr	<b>27 Apr</b>		1 May
<b>Cape May Warbler</b>	<b>26 Apr</b>	26 Apr	<b>26 Apr</b>	3 May	1 May	4 May	9 May	28 Apr	2 May	1 May	<b>30 Apr</b>		6 May
<b>Northern Parula</b>	20 Apr	25 Apr	26 Apr	25 Apr	<b>25 Apr</b>	30 Apr	<b>29 Apr</b>	29 Apr	14 Apr	9 Apr	<b>23 Apr</b>		1 May
<b>Magnolia Warbler</b>	2 May	25 Apr	1 May	5 May	1 May	10 May	5 May	3 May	30 Apr	30 Apr	2 May		3 May
<b>Bay-breasted Warbler</b>	6 May	7 May	3 May	12 May	10 May	11 May	11 May	12 May	5 May	1 May	7 May		9 May
<b>Blackburnian Warbler</b>	25 Apr	25 Apr	29 Apr	25 Apr	<b>24 Apr</b>	<b>28 Apr</b>	28 Apr	<b>27 Apr</b>	24 Apr	28 Apr	<b>26 Apr</b>		2 May
<b>Yellow Warbler</b>	23 Apr	23 Apr	23 Apr	24 Apr	20 Apr	26 Apr	26 Apr	22 Apr	10 Apr	14 Apr	21 Apr		25 Apr
<b>Chestnut-sided Warbler</b>	29 Apr	30 Apr	27 Apr	29 Apr	3 May	4 May	10 May	1 May	26 Apr	27 Apr	30 Apr		2 May
<b>Blackpoll Warbler</b>	7 May	11 May	4 May	<b>30 Apr</b>	6 May	14 May	9 May	7 May	3 May	3 May	<b>6 May</b>		11 May
<b>Black-thr. Blue Warbler</b>	1 May	27 Apr	24 Apr	1 May	25 Apr	7 May	6 May	28 Apr	25 Apr	22 Apr	28 Apr		30 Apr
<b>Palm Warbler</b>	11 Apr	13 Apr	12 Apr	3 Apr	13 Apr	14 Apr	14 May	4 Apr	<b>17 Mar</b>	31 Mar	10 Apr		15 Apr
<b>Pine Warbler</b>	6 Apr	13 Apr	5 Apr	3 Apr	<b>22 Mar</b>	14 Apr	13 May	31 Mar	25 Mar	8 Mar	4 Apr		7 Apr
<b>Black-thr. Green Warbler</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	<b>25 Apr</b>	26 Apr	25 Apr	22 Apr	14 Apr	23 Apr		24 Apr
<b>Canada Warbler</b>	9 May	9 May	5 May	10 May	10 May	11 May	13 May	11 May	3 May	3 May	8 May		9 May
<b>Wilson's Warbler</b>	7 May	10 May	4 May	8 May	6 May	14 May	13 May	6 May	3 May	3 May	7 May		10 May
<b>Scarlet Tanager</b>	3 May	1 May	3 May	4 May	2 May	6 May	3 May	5 May	25 Apr	27 Apr	1 May		3 May
<b>Rose-breasted Grosbeak</b>	23 Apr	25 Apr	<b>11 Apr</b>	24 Apr	24 Apr	25 Apr	2 May	22 Apr	23 Apr	15 Apr	22 Apr		27 Apr
<b>Indigo Bunting</b>	29 Apr	2 May	25 Apr	5 May	<b>16 Apr</b>	5 May	12 May	1 May	25 Apr	8 Apr	<b>27 Apr</b>		2 May
<b>Avg Arrival in Region</b>	14 Apr	15 Apr	14 Apr	16 Apr	17 Apr	21 Apr	23 Apr	16 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr	<b>16 Apr</b>		21 Apr

## REGION 1—NIAGARA FRONTIER

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The spring 2022 season both started off and finished with above average temperatures, making for a rather mild spring season. Though March was mild overall, it was punctuated with brief cold snaps, as is typical for this month. The mean temperature at the Buffalo weather station was 38.3° F, 4.2° above normal, with 2.21" of precipitation, 0.68" above average. April weather consisted of typical ups and downs followed by a late season snow event. The mean temperature of 45.5° was just 0.1° below average. Precipitation was 2.79", 0.58" below average. A warm front on the 24<sup>th</sup> brought with it many of the Region's first Neotropical migrants of the season. Warm spring weather really took hold in May, which turned out to be a rather quiet month without any severe weather events. The average temperature of 61.3° was 3.4° above normal. Rainfall was 3.01", 0.35" below normal.

Waterfowl represented nicely in March and April with a few notable species sneaking into May. Snow Geese made a nice showing in March with a flock of 1,200 on 12 March in Somerset and a flock of 1,000 in Oakfield. Numerous smaller flocks were also seen throughout the Region. A Ross's Goose, found by Joel Strong, was playing Where's Waldo amongst the large flock of Somerset Snow Geese and stuck around for two days on 12-13 March. Ross's Geese were also reported from Buffalo and Oakfield on 15-16 March and 2-4 April, respectively. This species has become an expected, annual spring migrant. Greater White-fronted Geese were reported from a handful of locations spread around the Region, with one bird sticking around until 4 May. Brant are a rare migrant within the Region during spring, but two were reported; one at the Batavia WWTP on 24 May and another on a pier in Wilson on 30 May. Numerous Cackling Geese were reported throughout the Region including a nice count of 14 in Somerset on 5 March. The spring arrival of Tundra Swans is always a sight to see when flocks numbering in the hundreds make their way north through the Region. Evangola SP hosted a flock of 300 on 1 March, as did Tonawanda WMA on 16 March. The only Eurasian Wigeon reported was from Tonawanda WMA on 24 March and 4 and 10 April, possibly representing the same drake. A high count for the season of 1,200 Redhead was reported from Buffalo Harbor on 5 March and an impressive count of 2,500 Greater Scaup came from the same location on 14 March. The only spring King Eider reports came from Fort Niagara SP on 22 March and 3 April.

Shorebirds and waders were well represented in spring, in part thanks to a drawdown at Paddy 1 in Tonawanda WMA. The freshly exposed mudflats attracted a **White-faced Ibis** found by Phil Mills on 22 May. Two days later, on the 24<sup>th</sup>, Dean DiTommaso discovered three Glossy Ibises foraging with the White-faced, making

for a nice side-by-side comparison of the two species. This group of ibises was last reported on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Bruce Hoover spotted a Red-necked Phalarope at the same location on the 28<sup>th</sup>, representing the only spring report for the Region. A flyover Glossy Ibis was also seen independently by Kevin Rybczynski and Hedy Bisen at Tifft NP, a great report away from the usual Iroquois NWR vicinity. Josh Ketry counted an amazing 52 Red Knots at Conewango Swamp WMA on 19 May, representing a great inland record. Martin Dibble found four Wilson's Phalaropes there on 23 April, one of which was last reported on 1 May. Gale VerHague found a nice flock of 38 Willets at Dunkirk Harbor on 2 May, which was the only spring report. Joel Strong found a Long-billed Dowitcher in Yates on 4 May and Willie D'Anna found a rare-for-spring Stilt Sandpiper in Wilson on 6 May. A beautiful male **Ruff** in black breeding plumage was discovered by Strong in a flooded hay field on 30 April in Somerset. This bird and his display antics were enjoyed by many as it stayed in the area until 5 May. Other notable shorebird sightings were four early American Avocets at Dunkirk on 16 April and sightings of an American Golden-Plover along Buffalo Harbor on multiple dates ranging from 26 March to 1 May, that may have represented different birds.

An immature Black-headed Gull was the only rare gull sighting for the spring. This individual was seen and photographed from the Canadian side of the Niagara River near Lewiston on 7 May by Ryan Griffiths. Others were able to position themselves at the mouth of the Niagara River near dusk when the Bonaparte's Gulls fly out to the lake to roost and catch the Black-headed with them. A respectable count of six Little Gulls was made at Lewiston on 24 March. They were also reported from two unusual inland locations including Tonawanda WMA and Batavia WWTP on 13 and 25 April, respectively. A handful of Forster's Tern reports were scattered around the Region, including a mix of both lakeshore and inland locations.

A Great Cormorant, originally found by Shelley Seidman in February, continued along the Niagara River in Tonawanda until 5 April. There were two reports of American White Pelicans; one on Chautauqua Lake on 17 April and two birds along the Niagara River in Grand Island on 3 May. An early Least Bittern was reported at Tifft NP on 18 April. Strong found a rare Yellow-crowned Night Heron in Somerset on 3 May, a species that seems to be increasingly reported in the Region.

There were only two Golden Eagle reports, one on 21 March and the other on 30 April. Maximum counts of 33 Red-shouldered Hawks, 1,339 Broad-winged Hawks, and 53 Red-tailed Hawks were made from the Hamburg Hawkwatch site. Rough-legged Hawks were well reported throughout the Region. A handful of Snowy Owls were reported, mostly along Lake Erie and the Niagara River. Only one Long-eared Owl was reported (17 March), along with five Short-eared Owl reports, and three Northern Saw-whet Owl reports.

Red Crossbills made a nice showing with numerous reports throughout the Southern Tier, including a nice count of 20 at Canaseraga on 20 May. There was just one Evening Grosbeak report (10 April during the BOS Count) and one White-winged Crossbill report (17 March-18 April).

The last week of April is when the flood gates really opened for Neotropical migrants in the Region, with the largest pulse on Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup>, when a warm front moved into the area. During this front and the following days we enjoyed the arrival of the much anticipated flycatchers, vireos, thrushes, warblers, orioles, and

hummingbirds. Highlights included an exceptional three (!) separate Summer Tanager reports on the same day on 27 April. Dennis Thomas photographed one in Jamestown, as did Amy Whitman at her feeders in Eden. Amazingly on the same day Deborah Abgott photographed a third individual at her home feeders in Clarence, which remained until the 30<sup>th</sup>. Kevin Rybczynski and others also enjoyed an adult male Yellow-headed Blackbird in Buffalo on 28-29 April that was seen roaming area feeders with a flock of blackbirds. Yellow-throated Warblers also made an excellent showing in April and into May with several reports throughout the Region. May highlights included up to two Sedge Wrens at Iroquois NWR, a Yellow-breasted Chat at Allegany SP found by Alec Humann, a handful of Golden-winged Warbler reports, and a rare Kentucky Warbler in Clarksville found by Sharon Furlong. Rounding out the highlights was an apparent male/female pair of Dickcissels found by Brad Carlson in Somerset on 23 May.

The 87<sup>th</sup> annual BOS April Count was held on 10 April on an unseasonably cold (high of 44° F) and cloudy day. This count, compiled by Joel Strong, includes both Region 1 and the adjacent area to the west in Ontario, Canada. A total of 210 birders on both sides of the border tallied 148 species (12 more than average) totalling 106,235 birds. Although no notable rarities or firsts occurred during the count, several record high counts were set including Great Egret (124), Bald Eagle (84), Great Horned Owl (36), Common Raven (62), Red-breasted Nuthatch (92), Marsh Wren (1). This was the third time since 1966 that a Marsh Wren was recorded during the April Count.

The annual BOS May Count was held on 15 May on a mild (high of 69° F), cloudy day. This count was compiled by Robert L. DeLeon. A total of 213 observers recorded 206 species (on par with average of 205) totalling 69,355 birds. Record high counts were set for numerous species on this count: Canada Goose (4,846), Great Blue Heron (626), Great Egret (248), Turkey Vulture (1,034), Merlin (9), Red-bellied Woodpecker (458), Acadian Flycatcher (12), Willow Flycatcher (209), Great Crested Flycatcher (306), Yellow-throated Vireo (54), Warbling Vireo (445), Tufted Titmouse (251), Brown Creeper (49), Carolina Wren (81), Northern Mockingbird (56), Tennessee Warbler (593), Prairie Warbler (28), American Redstart (427), Baltimore Oriole (1,393). A Yellow-throated Warbler was a notable rare species reported on the count.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**ACNC** – Audubon Community Nature Center, Jamestown CHAU; **AISP** – Allegany SP, CATT; **AmSP** – Amherst SP, ERIE; **BeSP** – Beaver I SP, ERIE; **BMAC** – Beaver Meadow Audubon Center, WYOM; **BOSAC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society April Count – 10 Apr; **BOSMC** – Buffalo Ornithological Society May Count – 15 May; **BuH** – Buffalo Harbor, ERIE; **BuSP** – Buckhorn I SP, ERIE; **BWWTP** – Batavia Wastewater Treatment Plant, GENE; **ChauL** – Chautauqua L, CHAU; **CHMUA** – Carlton Hill Multiple Use Area, GENE/WYOM; **CSWMA** – Conewango Swamp WMA, CATT; **DH** – Dunkirk Harbor, CHAU; **EvSP** – Evangola SP, ERIE; **FLC** – Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, ERIE; **FMCSP** – Four Mile Creek SP, NIAG; **FNSP** – Fort Niagara SP, NIAG; **GHSP** - Golden Hill SP, NIAG; **Hamburg HW** – Hamburg Hawk Watch, ERIE; **HBWMA** – Hanging Bog WMA, ALLE; **INWR** – Iroquois NWR, GENE/ORLE; **JWWMA** – John White WMA, GENE; NIAG; **Krull CP** – Krull CP NIAG; **LBSP** – Lakeside Beach SP, ORLE; **NF** – Niagara Falls, NIAG; **NFSP** – Niagara Falls SP, NIAG; **NR** – Niagara R; **OOWMA** – Oak Orchard WMA, GENE/ORLE; **PB** – Point Breeze, ORLE; **PG** – Point Gratiot, CHAU; **RWNP** – Reinstein Woods NP, ERIE; **Tifft NP** – Tifft NP, ERIE; **TRWMA** – Tillman Rd WMA, ERIE; **TWMA** – Tonawanda WMA, GENE/NIAG; **WFWMA** – Watts Flats WMA, CHAU; **WBSP** – Woodlawn Beach SP, ERIE; **WTSP** – Wilson-Tuscarora SP, NIAG.

**Snow Goose:** 140 Sheridan CHAU 3 Mar; max 1200 Somerset NIAG, 131 Hartland NIAG 12 Mar (JSt); 1000 Oakfield GENE 13 Mar; last 3 BMAC 26 Apr.

**Ross's Goose:** Somerset NIAG 12-13 Mar (JSt); Buffalo ERIE 15-16 Mar (RT); Oakfield GENE 2-4 Apr (JWo); has become annual in spring.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Porter NIAG 12 Mar; Lyndonville NIAG 13 Mar; 2 N Collins ERIE 20 Mar; max 3, 2 Oakfield GENE 21 Mar, 2-4 Apr; Grand Island ERIE 26 Mar; last Yates ORLE 24 Apr - 4 May (JSt).

**Brant:** arr BWWTP 24 May (BC, CM); Wilson NIAG 30 May (JSt); only reports; rare in spring.

**Cackling Goose:** max 14 Somerset NIAG 5 Mar; 10 INWR 6 Mar; 3 Oakfield GENE 2 Apr.

**Canada Goose:** max 8500 Shelby ORLE 10 Mar (CM); 4846 BOSMC, record high for count.

**Mute Swan:** 2 BeSP 12 Mar; CSWMA 5 Apr; Buffalo ERIE 22 Apr; max 7 WTSP 28 May; 5 PB 29 May.

**Trumpeter Swan:** 6 INWR 9 Mar, 3 Apr; 2 Porter 13-20 Mar (PM); Moss L NS ALLE 20

May (HW, SG); Rushford ALLE 22 May (RB, JWa), last two odd locations for date.

**Tundra Swan:** max 300 EvSP 1 Mar; 200 BuSP, 130 Concord ERIE, 200 Celoron ChauL 5 Mar; max 300 TWMA 16 Mar; last Dayton CATT 1 May.

**Wood Duck:** max 48 Tifft NP, 46 Stockton CHAU 23 Mar.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr Tonawanda NR ERIE 10 Mar; max 32 Tifft NP 12 Apr.

**Northern Shoveler:** max 76 INWR 2 Apr.

**Gadwall:** 35 Tifft NP 31 Mar; max 64 OOWMA 10 Apr; 35 Jamestown CHAU 17 Apr.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** 1, 1, 1 TWMA 24 Mar, 4, 10 Apr (BS, PY, PC), possibly same drake.

**American Wigeon:** 189 INWR 22 Mar; max 400 OOWMA 10 Apr; 259 TWMA 20 Apr.

**Mallard:** max 254 INWR 26 May.

**American Black Duck:** max 19 Olcott NIAG 1 Mar.

**Northern Pintail:** max 310 INWR 8 Apr; 184 Hartland NIAG 28 Apr.

**Green-winged Teal:** max 344 INWR 8 Apr.

**Canvasback:** max 500 BeSP 4 Mar; last 2 INWR 19 Apr.

**Redhead:** max 1200 BufH 5 Mar; 14 INWR 18 May.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 550 TWMA 23 Apr; max 1109 INWR 8 Apr.

**Greater Scaup:** max 2500 BufH 14 Mar; last INWR 23, 29 May.

**Lesser Scaup:** 85 BWWTP 11 Apr; max 100 N Harmony ChauL 20 Apr.

**King Eider:** 1, 1 FNSP 22 Mar (JP), 3 Apr (JSt); only reports.

**Harlequin Duck:** no reports.

**Surf Scoter:** max 3 GHSP 10 Apr; few reports.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 350 FNSP 5 Mar; Mayville ChauL 23 May; last 2 GHSP 30 May.

**Black Scoter:** BufH 13 Mar; only report.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 250 PB 13 Mar; 133 Chautauqua ChauL 12 Apr; last FM CSP 18 May.

**Bufflehead:** max 200 Tonawanda NR 5 Mar; 192 Rushford ALLE 12 Apr; last BWWTP 22 May.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 350 Tonawanda NR 5 Mar; 300 BufH 14 Mar; last NF 15 May.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 76 BeSP 9 Mar.

**Common Merganser:** max 675 Buffalo NR 5 Mar.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 1540 Buffalo NR 10 Apr.

**Ruddy Duck:** max 57, 585, 68 BWWTP 24 Mar, 17 Apr, 2 May; 40 N Harmony ChauL 21 Apr.

**Wild Turkey:** max 39 Shelby ORLE 10 Mar.

**Ruffed Grouse:** max 8 Allegany CATT 14 Mar.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** few reports.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 20 INWR 20 Apr.

**Horned Grebe:** max 132 BWWTP 12 Apr; last 2 BWWTP 20 May.

**Red-necked Grebe:** max 33 GHSP 21 Mar; 30 Somerset NIAG 26 Mar; 2 Rushford ALLE 20 Apr; last FNSP 26 Apr.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Buffalo ERIE 10 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr FLC, 3 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 11 May; max 16 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 16 May (CB).

**Common Nighthawk:** arr Arkwright CHAU 8 May; 8 Newstead ERIE 20 May; 8 Buffalo ERIE 22 May; max 15 TWMA 23 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr East Aurora ERIE, WBSP 24 Apr; Lockport NIAG 28 Apr; 1, 1 GHSP 30 Apr, 5 May; 2 North Tonawanda NIAG 3 May (TK); 2 Yates ORLE 5 May.

**Chimney Swift:** arr 2 Buffalo ERIE 22 Apr; max 46 FLC 8 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Olean CATT 24 Apr (DY), early; Orchard Park ERIE 25 Apr.

**Virginia Rail:** arr Tifft NP 1 Apr; 6, 13 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14, 24 Apr (CB).

**Sora:** arr RWNP 5 Apr; 7, 4 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 24, 25 Apr (CB).

**Common Gallinule:** arr Tifft NP 8 Apr; max 30 INWR 29 Apr.

**American Coot:** max 91 INWR 22 Apr.

**Sandhill Crane:** 1, 3 ACNC 1 Mar, 5 May; 3, 1 CSWMA 2 Mar, 19 May; max 13, 11 Hamburg HW 6 Mar, 4 Apr; 11 OOWMA 6 Mar, 5 Alexander GENE 9 Mar, 5 Shelby ORLE 12 Apr; 10 TWMA 20 May.

**American Avocet:** 4 DH 16 Apr (JGo), early.

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr Yates ORLE 1 May; max 11 Keeney Swamp SF ALLE, 4 BufH 19 May; 6 BWWTP, 9 TWMA 21 May.

**American Golden-Plover:** 1, 1, 1 BufH 26 Mar (SP), 3 Apr (SB), 1 May (MN, CIR); uncertain if same bird for all sightings.

**Killdeer:** max 32 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 17 Mar.

**Semipalmented Plover:** arr 1, max 32 Yates ORLE 5, 23 May.

**Upland Sandpiper:** arr 1, 2 TRWMA 7, 16 May; only reported at this location.

**Whimbrel:** no reports.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr BWWTP 21 May; 3 PB 22 May; 4 BufH 30 May.

**Red Knot:** 52 (!) CSWMA 19 May (JK ph!), amazing record for inland location.

**RUFF:** Somerset NIAG 30 Apr - 5 May (JSt, mob), stunning male in black plumage.

**Stilt Sandpiper:** Wilson NIAG 6 May (WD!), very rare in spring.

**Sanderling:** arr 2 BWWTP 21 May; 3, 1 BufH 23, 28 May; PB 27 May.

**Dunlin:** arr 2 Middleport NIAG 23 Apr; 36 TWMA 20 May; 56 Yates ORLE 23 May; max 149 PB 27 May.

**Purple Sandpiper:** no reports.

**Least Sandpiper:** arr 5 Cherry Creek CHAU, CSWMA, Somerset NIAG 1 May; max 200 TWMA 20 May.

- White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr 1, max 5 TWMA 23, 28 May; 4 PB 27 May.
- Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr 7 Sheridan CHAU 31 Mar; max 32 Royalton NIAG 24 Apr.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr Somerset NIAG 3 May; max 67 PB 27 May; 44 TWMA 31 May.
- Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr 27 Yates ORLE, 6 CSWMA 19 May (JSt, JM); 21 BWWTP 21 May (JSO); Amherst ERIE 22-28 May.
- Long-billed Dowitcher:** Yates ORLE 4 May (JSt ph!), only report.
- American Woodcock:** max 10 Holland ERIE 21 Mar.
- Wilson's Snipe:** arr 2, max 16 CSWMA 13 Mar, 24 Apr.
- Spotted Sandpiper:** arr 2 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.
- Solitary Sandpiper:** arr 2 Hartland NIAG 14 Apr; max 9 TWMA 20 May.
- Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 2 Apr; max 94, 112 Somerset NIAG 5, 6 May.
- Willet:** arr 38 DH 2 May (GV), only report.
- Greater Yellowlegs:** arr INWR 22 Mar; max 52 Somerset NIAG 30 Apr.
- Wilson's Phalarope:** arr 4, 1 CSWMA 23 Apr (MD), 24 Apr - 1 May.
- Red-necked Phalarope:** TWMA 28 May (BH); only report.
- Bonaparte's Gull:** max 2000 Buffalo NR 14 Apr.
- Black-headed Gull:** imm Lewiston NR 7 May (RG), observed from Ontario.
- Little Gull:** max 6 Lewiston NR 24 Mar; TWMA 13 Apr (PM), unusual location; BWWTP 25 Apr (GL), unusual location; last PB 22 May (AG).
- Herring Gull:** max 425 DH 22 Mar.
- Iceland Gull:** max 4 BufH 19 Mar; 2 GHSP 26 Mar; 2 DH 27 Mar; Hamburg HW 31 Mar; Freedom CATT 3 Apr; Leon CATT 11 Apr; Orchard Park ERIE 12 Apr; WBSP 6 May; last Wilson NIAG 8 May.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 11 DH 22 Mar (GV); Krull CP 26 Mar; BufH 8 Apr; Chautauqua ChauL 13 May; last PB 22 May.
- Glaucous Gull:** max 2, 2 DH 19 Mar, 14 Apr; BufH 26 Mar, 13 Apr; Hamburg HW 30 Mar; last WBSP 24 Apr.
- Great Black-backed Gull:** max 22 DH 22 Mar.
- Caspian Tern:** arr DH 6 Apr; 95 Wilson NIAG 29 Apr; max 349 BufH 31 May (KR), high count at colony.
- Black Tern:** arr 3, max 42 INWR 29 Apr, 12 May; ACNC 20 May (JCI); Rushford L ALLE 20 May (JCo); BWWTP 21 May.
- Common Tern:** arr Tifft NP 9 Apr; max 200 Buffalo NR 14 May.
- Forster's Tern:** arr Barcelona CHAU, Mayville ChauL 12 Apr (TL); 2 Buffalo NR 14 Apr (JK); BWWTP 25 Apr (GL); 2 Allegheny Res CATT (BR); Chautauqua ChauL 15 May; Wilson NIAG 22 May; 2 PB 27 May.
- Red-throated Loon:** max 48 Olcott NIAG 5 Mar (WD, JSt); 31 Krull CP 10 Apr; Cuba L ALLE 11 Apr (TL); Allegheny Res CATT 3 May (BR); last Rushford ALLE 21 May (JCo, FB).
- Common Loon:** arr 2 Findley L CHAU 20 Mar; max 39 Yates ORLE 30 Apr.
- Great Cormorant:** Tonawanda NR ERIE thru 5 Apr (mob), rarity continued from Feb.
- Double-crested Cormorant:** max 1050 Porter NIAG 29 Apr; 650 BeSP 30 Apr.
- American White Pelican:** arr Chautauqua ChauL 17 Apr (DA, GS); 2 Grand Island NR 3 May (RT); only reports.
- American Bittern:** arr Tifft NP 31 Mar; JWWMA 3 Apr; BeSP 5 Apr; 3 Lancaster ERIE 29 Apr; max 4 INWR 12 May; max 4 TWMA 22 May; Ashford CATT 29 May.
- Least Bittern:** arr Tifft NP 18 Apr (JF), early; RWNP 2 May; Olean CATT 8 May; PB 15 May; 2 Tifft NP 28 May; 2 INWR 29 May.
- Great Blue Heron:** max 110 Motor I NR 21 Mar; 626 BOSMC, record for count.
- Great Egret:** arr BeSP 20 Mar; 124 BOSAC, record for count; 75 Motor I NR 6 May; 248 BOSMC, record for count; max 95 TWMA 22 May.
- Green Heron:** arr Buffalo ERIE, Hamburg ERIE 14 Apr.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr NFSP 22 Mar; 27 NF 16 Apr; max 40 MI 22 Apr.
- Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** Somerset NIAG 3 May (JSt ph!), rare but reports increasing.
- Glossy Ibis:** 3 TWMA 24-27 May (DD, mob); Tifft NP 25 May (HB; KR), few reports historically away from INWR and vicinity.
- WHITE-FACED IBIS:** TWMA 22-27 May (PM, mob); 4th Reg record.

**Black Vulture:** max 4 Youngstown NIAG 1 Mar; Lackawanna ERIE 30 Mar (RT); 2 FNSP 11 Apr; RWNP 18, 24 Apr; Lancaster ERIE 15 May (MM).

**Turkey Vulture:** max 2583, 4894 Hamburg HW 24, 31 Mar; 1034 BOSMC, record for count.

**Osprey:** arr CSWMA 19 Mar; max 10 AISP 24 Apr.

**Golden Eagle:** arr TRWMA 21 Mar (SB); Somerset NIAG 30 Apr (KB); only reports.

**Northern Harrier:** max 8 JWWMA 20 Mar.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 28, 22 Hamburg HW 6, 24 Apr.

**Cooper's Hawk:** max 12 Hamburg HW 12 May.

**Northern Goshawk:** no reports.

**Bald Eagle:** 8 Buffalo NR 4 Mar; 7 Dayton CATT 20 Mar; max 11, 12, 14 Hamburg HW 24 Mar, 24 Apr, 9 May; 84 BOSAC, record for count; 7 CSWMA 30 Apr; 8 LBSP 26 May.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** max 29, 33 Hamburg HW 16, 17 Mar.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr West Seneca ERIE 7 Apr; max 1339 Hamburg HW 24 Apr.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 53 Hamburg HW 24 Mar.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 3 Carlton ORLE 17 Mar; well reported; last BOSMC.

**Great Horned Owl:** 36 BOSAC, record for count.

**Snowy Owl:** NF Airport NIAG 2, 12 Mar; Lewiston Res NIAG 9 Mar; max 2 BufH 16 Mar; Aurora ERIE 21 Mar; Fredonia CHAU 4-6 Apr; Yorkshire CATT 24 Apr; last BufH 1 May.

**Long-eared Owl:** Yates ORLE 17 Mar (PY); only report.

**Short-eared Owl:** 1, 2 Shelby ORLE 8, 23 Mar; Hume ALLE 18 Mar; 2 Dunkirk Airport CHAU 31 Mar, 3 Apr; Hamburg HW 31 Mar; last 2 INWR 10 Apr; only locations reported from.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Yates ORLE 5 Mar (PM); 1, 2 Forestville CHAU 9 Mar, 4 Apr (GV); Alexander GENE 10 Apr (JSO); only reports.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** PG 16 Mar; LBSP 26 Mar; Bennett Beach ERIE 31 Mar; apparent overwintered at these locations.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 458 BOSMC, record for count.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** more overwintered than usual making first arrival difficult to track.

**American Kestrel:** max 10 Carlton ORLE 31 Mar.

**Merlin:** max 3 Hamburg HW 6 Apr; 9 BOSMC, record for count.

**Peregrine Falcon:** regular breeding locations plus several in migration.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr Caneadea ALLE 24 Apr; 306 BOSMC, record for count.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr Tifft NP 24 Apr.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr Wellsville ALLE 15 May; six other reports.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr FLC 6 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr BufH 19 May; five other reports.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr 2 Chestnut Ridge P ERIE 14 May; 12 BOSMC, record for count; max 6 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 22 May (CB).

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr HBWMA 11 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr BuSP, WBSLP 11 May; 209 BOSMC, record for count.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Cassadaga CHAU 24 Apr.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Dunkirk Airport CHAU 5 Mar (GV), early.

**White-eyed Vireo:** arr S Valley CATT 1 May (JM); LBSP 15 May (BC); only reports.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr AISP 28 Apr; 54 BOSMC, record for count.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr ACNC 14 Apr.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr GHSP 10 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr 2 ACNC 24 Apr; 445 BOSMC, record for count.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr 2 South Valley CATT, Olean CATT 3 May.

**Northern Shrike:** last Newfane NIAG 2 Apr.

**Blue Jay:** max 815 GHSP 21 May, flyovers.

**American Crow:** max 500 Buffalo ERIE 26 Apr.

**Fish Crow:** max 14, 11 Buffalo ERIE 2 Mar, 1 Apr (SD, GL); BeSP 16 Apr; Lockport NIAG 17, 30 Apr, 1 May (AHe), unusual location; Wilson NIAG 3 May (WD).

**Common Raven:** max 8 N Harmony CHAU 9 Mar; 62 BOSAC, record for count.

**Tufted Titmouse:** 251 BOSMC, record for count.

**Horned Lark:** max 67 Barre ORLE 13 Mar.

**Bank Swallow:** arr BMAC 15 Apr; max 100 Portland CHAU 29 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr 2 BWWTP 11 Mar; max 500 INWR 16 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Hamburg HW 6 Apr

**Purple Martin:** arr CSWMA 5 Apr.

**Barn Swallow:** arr Tifft NP 25-27 Mar (KR), early; max 135 BWWTP 2 May.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr Tifft NP 25-26 Mar (PM, RSi), early.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr Buffalo ERIE 24 Mar; last TWMA 20 May.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 60 FLC 7 Apr.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 478 GHSP 21 May, flyovers.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 92 BOSAC, record for count.

**Brown Creeper:** 49 BOSMC, record for count.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr BeSP 11 Apr.

**House Wren:** arr Tifft NP 17 Apr.

**Winter Wren:** arr Buffalo ERIE 16 Mar.

**Sedge Wren:** 1-2 INWR 24 May thru (DD, BC), only location reported.

**Marsh Wren:** arr West Seneca ERIE 10 Apr.

**Carolina Wren:** 73 BOSAC; 81 BOSMC, record for count.

**Gray Catbird:** reported from 5 locations in Mar; arr Chautauqua Inst CHAU 23 Apr.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr Tifft NP 29 Mar.

**Northern Mockingbird:** max 7 S Buffalo ERIE 3 Apr; 56 BOSMC, record for count.

**Eastern Bluebird:** max 17 Knox Farm SP ERIE 20 Mar.

**Veery:** arr Sherman CHAU 27 Apr, early; max 41, 41 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 16, 20 May (CB).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr ACNC 16 May; max 18 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 20 May.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr AmSP 25 Apr (ChR), early; max 374 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 20 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** arr ACNC 14 Mar; max 32 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.

**Wood Thrush:** arr Ripley CHAU, 2 NFC Orchard Park ERIE 24 Apr.

**American Robin:** max 240 Hamburg HW 6 Apr.

**American Pipit:** arr Allegany CATT 12 Mar; max 60 GHSP 25 Mar; last 3 Wilson NIAG 21 May.

**Evening Grosbeak:** Stockton CHAU 10 Apr (GV); only report.

**Purple Finch:** max 16 Rushford ALLE 5 Mar.

**Common Redpoll:** max 12 Gerry CHAU 1 Mar (AL); last Grand Island ERIE 29 Mar.

**Red Crossbill:** 1, 2 Rock City SF CATT 1, 5 Mar; 2 Keeney Swamp WMA ALLE 1 Mar; 10 North Harmony SF CHAU 2-29 Mar (AL); 4 Ashford CATT 3 Mar; 2 Hatch Creek SF ALLE 6-10 Mar; Mt Pleasant SF CHAU 17 Mar; Hamburg HW 22 Mar; Bush Hill SF CATT 4 Apr; 3 Alfred ALLE 16 May; 10 Almond ALLE 20 May (JCo); max 20 Canaseraga ALLE 20 May (AL); 3 HBWMA 25 May; 2 Randolph CHAU 29 May; excellent showing included breeding evidence.

**White-winged Crossbill:** 1-2 Gerry CHAU 17 Mar - 8 Apr (AL, JGu, BR); only location reported.

**Pine Siskin:** max 12 Andover ALLE 17 Mar; 6 Birdsall ALLE 18 May; Randolph CHAU 31 May.

**American Goldfinch:** max 102 Shelby ORLE 26 Apr.

**Lapland Longspur:** Porter NIAG 12 Mar; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 24 Mar; Sherman CHAU 30 Mar; last Amherst ERIE 25 Apr (CHo), odd location, breeding plumage.

**Snow Bunting:** max 100 Bethany GENE 6 Mar; last 2 Attica WYOM 30 Mar.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Tifft NP 20 Apr; max 5 TRWMA 10 May.

**Chipping Sparrow:** arr Newfane NIAG 13 Mar.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr 1, 3 Krull CP 30 Apr, 8 May; Waterport NIAG 4 May; JWWMA 15 May; Dunkirk Airport CHAU 29 May.

- Field Sparrow:** arr 3 Tifft NP, Hamburg HW 19 Mar.
- Fox Sparrow:** arr Granger ALLE 6 Mar; 9 HBWMA 26 Mar (KS); 6 Buffalo ERIE 14 Apr (JF); max 13 Tifft NP 14 Apr (KR), good numbers; last BOSMC.
- American Tree Sparrow:** last Porter NIAG 6 May.
- Dark-eyed Junco:** max 49 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.
- White-crowned Sparrow:** max 126 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 16 May.
- White-throated Sparrow:** max 130 Tifft NP 25 Apr; 81, 91 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 24, 25 Apr.
- Vesper Sparrow:** arr Forestville CHAU 5 Apr; good showing in migration.
- Savannah Sparrow:** Middleport NIAG 12 Mar; arr EvSP 15 Mar; max 37 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr..
- Song Sparrow:** max 73 NFCs Orchard Park ERIE 14 Apr.
- Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr ACNC 30 Apr; max 4 Wilson NIAG 14 May; last Portland CHAU 25 May.
- Swamp Sparrow:** arr Buffalo ERIE 14 Mar.
- Eastern Towhee:** arr Hamburg HW 8 Mar.
- Yellow-breasted Chat:** AISP 21-24 May (AHu), heard but never seen.
- Yellow-headed Blackbird:** Buffalo ERIE 28, 29 Apr (KR), only report.
- Bobolink:** arr 2 JWWMA, Carlton ORLE, BMAC 30 Apr.
- Eastern Meadowlark:** arr BufH 2 Mar.
- Orchard Oriole:** arr Orangeville WYOM 29 Apr.
- Baltimore Oriole:** arr Pendleton NIAG 24 Apr, slightly early; 1393 BOSMC, record for count.
- Red-winged Blackbird:** max 400 Alexander GENE 16 Mar.
- Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 40 Fredonia CHAU 28 Mar.
- Rusty Blackbird:** max 200 INWR 12 Apr; last multiple locations 15 May.
- Common Grackle:** max 136 Somerset NIAG 18 Mar.
- Ovenbird:** arr AmSP 24 Apr.
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Ripley CHAU, Hunters Creek CP ERIE 12 Apr; GHSP 22 Apr (WD), rare in migration; Royalton Ravine CP
- NIAG 2-9 May (MN, mob), interesting location.
- Northern Waterthrush:** arr AmSP, Tifft NP 23 Apr.
- Golden-winged Warbler:** arr AmSP 9 May (AB); BuSP, East Aurora ERIE, WTSP 10 May; Yates ORLE 11 May; Buffalo ERIE 20 May; only reports.
- Blue-winged Warbler:** arr FLC 2 May.
- "Brewster's" Warbler:** arr AmSP 6 May; CHMUA 13 May.
- "Lawrence's" Warbler:** EvSP 14 May (MN); Poland CHAU 28 May (AL); only reports.
- Black-and-white Warbler:** arr multiple locations 24 Apr.
- Prothonotary Warbler:** 1, 2 TWMA 18, 21 May; INWR 29 May; regular breeding locations.
- Tennessee Warbler:** arr Ripley CHAU, Ellicott Creek CP ERIE 3 May; 593 BOSMC, record for count.
- Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr AmSP, GHSP 10 May.
- Nashville Warbler:** arr AmSP, Tifft NP 24 Apr.
- Connecticut Warbler:** no reports.
- Mourning Warbler:** arr 2 AmSP 6 May.
- Kentucky Warbler:** Clarksville ALLE 28 May (SP), rare.
- Common Yellowthroat:** arr Tifft NP 24 Apr.
- Hooded Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 28 Apr.
- American Redstart:** arr AISP 24 Apr; 427 BOSMC, record for count.
- Cape May Warbler:** arr FLC 26 Apr.
- Cerulean Warbler:** arr FLC 4 May.
- Northern Parula:** arr AmSP 20 Apr; max 15 FLC 18 May.
- Magnolia Warbler:** arr HBWMA 2 May.
- Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr FLC 6 May; max 23 GHSP 14 May.
- Blackburnian Warbler:** arr AISP, PG 25 Apr.
- Yellow Warbler:** arr 2 Tifft NP 23 Apr.
- Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr INWR 29 Apr.
- Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Amherst ERIE 7 May.
- Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr 3 FLC, AmSP, GHSP 1 May.
- "Eastern" Palm Warbler:** arr AmSP 11 Apr (JSa); S Buffalo ERIE 23 Apr (SB); irregular.
- "Western" Palm Warbler:** arr Fredonia CHAU 14 Apr; max 25 AmSP 8 May.
- Pine Warbler:** Portland CHAU 4, 14 Mar (CHa); arr 2 East Aurora ERIE 6 Apr.
- Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 3 Chautauqua CHAU 9 Mar; 6 Newfane NIAG 13 Mar; 2 BuSP 18 Mar; max 148 LBSP 4 May (CM).

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** arr Orchard Park ERIE 19-20 Apr (AWe); East Amherst ERIE 22 Apr (KLL); AmSP 24-26 Apr (RSh, SL); WFWMA 29 Apr (JCI); Youngstown NIAG 29 Apr (VR); ACNC 15 May (TL); excellent showing.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr Tifft NP 6 May; 28 BOSMC, record for count.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr multiple locations 24 Apr.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Portland CHAU 9 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Alden ERIE 7 May.

**Summer Tanager:** Jamestown CHAU 27 Apr (DT); Eden ERIE 27 Apr (AWh); Clarence

ERIE 27-30 Apr (DAb); interesting that all were found same day.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr 2 WBSP 3 May.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Olean CATT, Ripley CHAU 23 Apr.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr Wilson NIAG 29 Apr.

**Dickcissel:** 2 Somerset NIAG 23-25 May (BC, JSt), apparent pair.

#### EXOTICS

**Northern Bobwhite:** Darien GENE 22 May (MW), apparent releases.

**California Quail:** Grand Island ERIE 11 Mar (BT); BuSP 5 Apr (NLP); a few reports of apparent escapes recently.

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## REGION 2—GENESEE

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Spring of 2022 was generally benign, on the warm side and below normal precipitation each month. Snowfall was scarce. Temperatures in March and May were a bit above normal and April below. March was a seesaw, transition month. Temperatures averaged 37.4° F, 2.2° above normal. A ten-day period of bitter cold occurred near month's end, with a maximum of only 22° on the 28<sup>th</sup>, only the seventh time that a high temperature that low has been recorded on or after 28 March. Precipitation totaled 1.55", 0.94" below normal. Snowfall at 12.3" was 5.6" below normal. But there was only one serious wind event on the 6<sup>th</sup>, which produced little damage. April overall was near average, but with only nine days with precipitation, even though most days were cloudy and only two rated "fair". Temperatures averaged 46.4°, 0.4° below normal. The highs peaked at 80° on 24 and 25 April, a week early. Four days of good SW winds from 10-13 April brought a good waterfowl movement and the first passerine push. The later peak warmth brought strong SW winds and major migration. Precipitation totaled 2.58", 0.50" below normal. There was only a trace of snowfall for April. May saw a warm end to the season. Temperatures averaged 60.6°, 1.8° above normal. There were no 90° days, but ten days ≥ 80° was the ninth most on record for a May. Precipitation at 2.41" was 0.45" below normal, with the period 5-13 May rain-free. Overall, a good season for birding.

With the season's weather noted good for birding, it is not surprising that reporting was good, with record high species counts for March and April (only by one in each case) and May only a couple of species below record. The eBird downloads were: approximately 50,179 for March, down about 6% from last year; 84,690 for April, up 17% from last year, likely driven by the rarities; and 135,836 for May, down slightly. Nearly all expected species were found each month, with the year-to-date

numbers remaining well above average. Many rarities were reported in each month, including: a Regional first and State second **Tundra Bean-Goose** in the Savannah mucklands 11-14 March, though found the day before at the north end of Seneca Lake by Tim Lenz; the Region's second **Cinnamon Teal** at the Groveland Flats in Livingston County 21 March – 4 April found by John and Karla Gordinier; and the Region's first documented **Smith's Longspur** in the Barrett Road area, Town of Leicester from 13-15 March found by Jim Kimball. All of these were seen and photographed by many observers. These and others will be covered in their respective taxonomic groupings to follow. The number certainly contributed to our great reporting for the season.

Waterfowl provide a good start to the detailed summary. March saw all of our regular checklist species reported, except for Brant, plus the rarities just noted above and Eurasian Wigeon in the mucklands from 11-31 March and at the Guy Baldassarre Marsh in the Northern Montezuma Wildlife Management Area (NMWMA) from 1-17 April; **Green-winged "Eurasian" Teal** at the Groveland Flats 22-29 March; and five hybrid waterfowl species identified in March—Snow x Canada Goose, Gadwall x American Wigeon, Eurasian x American Wigeon, Canvasback x Redhead, and Barrow's x Common Goldeneye. Other rare/scare species included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Cackling Goose, King Eider, and an immature male **Common Eider** and a pair of Harlequin Ducks present along the Lake Ontario shore from March through 1 and 2 May, respectively. Peak numbers for most species were low, with some decent counts scattered through. Especially large counts included an estimated 600,000 Snow Geese at the Savannah mucklands on 9 March dropping off slowly after; 13,000+ Canada Geese off the Town of Greece on 6 March; 3500 Tundra Swans in the Groveland Flats on 22 March; 1600 Northern Pintail in the NMWMA on 18 March; and 1770 Long-tailed Ducks off Hamlin Beach State Park on 14 May. The migration pattern trend of earlier passage through this Region continued, with numbers well down by the end of March. The species section will provide more selected details for illustration.

Continuing the waterbird topic, grebes were generally scarce, with only two double-digit Red-necked Grebe counts in March and a maximum of only 65. Horned Grebe was also scarce other than a count of 291 on Irondequoit Bay on 12 April. Coot and gallinule numbers were unremarkable. Sandhill Cranes passing through were typical of recent years, with a peak of 34 passing the Braddock Bay hawkwatch on 15 April a good high count.

In a quick mop up of this part of the checklist, there were good numbers of Ruby-throated Hummingbirds reported in May, though only 13 were banded this year at the Braddock Bay Bird Observatory (BBBO) station. There was the usual scattering of Eastern Whip-poor-will reports from 24 April through 20 May, and Common Nighthawk was scarce other than a peak count of 75 passing the hawkwatch on 20 May.

With habitat generally scarce for shorebirds due to high water in Lake Ontario and most other local lakes, we started March with only small numbers of the usual earlier migrant arrivals. Later, conditions were better in the Savannah mucklands, at Braddock Bay, and at a pond on the Genesee Valley Greenway in Livingston County, and some good records were noted. The Region's eleventh spring **Piping Plover** was at the Braddock Bay East Spit area on 11 April and the twelfth, a color-banded

individual, was there on 13 May. A now-scarce Upland Sandpiper was photographed over the hawkwatch on 11 April. Marbled Godwit was sighted at the East Spit and then at Ontario Beach on 14 May and another at the Greenway Pond on 17-19 May, with a rare-in-spring Stilt Sandpiper also at that pond on 20 May. Willets were found at Ontario Beach on 1 May and the East Spit on 27 May. A very early Spotted Sandpiper was seen at the East Spit on 11 April. 27-28 May brought a major fallout to the lakeshore, with peak counts of 85 Whimbrel, 53 Sanderling, 50 Ruddy Turnstone, 550 Dunlin, and 258 Caspian Terns at various lakeshore sites. The 23 shorebird species in May was a good total. Generally counts were low other than the fallout.

Gull and tern numbers were relatively low. Rarer gull species included: Little Gulls in Hamlin on 11 and 13 May; a Laughing Gull, possibly injured, on Conesus Lake from 29 March to 10 April; two other adult Laughing Gulls at the Braddock Bay East Spit on 20 May; an adult Franklin's Gull at Sodus Point on 16 May; and good counts of Iceland, Lesser Black-backed, and Glaucous Gulls in March and April, the latter two species present to late May. Terns were unexceptional other than a good Black Tern count of 41 at the NMWMA (Sandhill Crane Unit) on 3 May.

The loon movement this spring was a bit disappointing, with no good numbers reported in March and the April peak counts only 62 Red-throated Loons and 100 Common. The maximum of 930 Double-crested Cormorants on 21 April was also low. Two American White Pelicans were reported on 1 May over Manitou Beach Road but not seen after that. The first Great Egret on **16 March** at the Groveland Flats was Regional record early. There were several rarer long-legged waders, with Snowy Egret on 16-17 April at NMWMA (Carncross Road); a Little Blue Heron 11 and 14 May at the Braddock Bay hawkwatch and then from Manitou Beach Road across the bay; Glossy Ibis at Braddock Bay 26-27 April and NMWMA (Guy Baldassarre Marsh) from 27 April – 6 May; and **White-faced Ibis** with 1-3 in the Braddock Bay area from 26-27 April as apparently the eighth Regional record, followed by 1-2 at the Guy Baldassarre Marsh from 2-6 May as the ninth Regional record. Black Vulture was well represented this spring, with four birds in March, three in April, and then two more in May.

Moving to the raptors, as usual even for an average year, it was interesting. The highlights start with a record high daily count of 10,083 Turkey Vultures on 31 March and a new high season's total for the species at 32,658. There were two late-season **Mississippi Kites**, one passing the hawkwatch at 6:00 AM on 20 May and then passing Beechwood SP 34 miles to the east in Wayne County at 8:29 AM, and finally one over a garden center in Rochester on 28 May. Bald Eagle also produced new records, with a 214 day count on 20 May and a season's total of 1458. Sadly, no Northern Goshawks were reported for the season. Golden Eagle tied a daily high at 10 on 25 April but only totaled 28 for the season. The Broad-winged Hawk total at 20,778 was only so-so, but it provided a clear illustration of weather effects, as on 24 April it was clear that winds had pushed many birds well south of the hawkwatch (total only four) and Derby Hill had 19,335 for that date. Braddock Bay then had its peak on 25 April at 12,555, with Derby Hill adding another 9400. Detailed data for all species is available on the website hawkcount.org.

## BRADDOCK BAY HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arrival	Max	Max Date	Total
<b>Black Vulture</b>	3/21	2	3/21	6
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>	3/1	10,083	3/31	32,658
<b>Mississippi Kite</b>	5/20	1	5/20	1
<b>Osprey</b>	3/26	23	5/20	182
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	3/17	10	4/25	28
<b>No. Harrier</b>	3/1	40	5/2	543
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>	3/6	341	4/24	2364
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>	3/1	14	4/8	217
<b>No. Goshawk</b>		0		0
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	3/1	214	5/20	1458
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>	3/6	100	3/18	265
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>	4/13	12,555	4/25	20,778
<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>		0		0
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>	3/1	193	4/8	1506
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>	3/1	6	4/9	65
<b>Am. Kestrel</b>	3/6	37	4/13	282
<b>Merlin</b>	3/11	3	4/11, 4/25, 5/7	34
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	3/1	5	5/2	48
<b>Unidentified</b>		0		0
<b>Short-eared Owl</b>	4/25	1	4/25	1
<b>Total including unidentified:</b>				<b>60,436</b>

Continuing to the mostly nocturnal raptors, we have about five Snowy Owls from 1-5 and then 20 March, then one more, assumed the same individual, at the hawkwatch and then on Manitou Beach Road on 7 and 8 April, respectively. The last Short-eared Owl report for the season was on 25 April. It was a good season at the Owl Woods area for counts of roosting owls, with 76 Northern Saw-whet Owls added in March, seven in April, and one more on 2 May for a 101 total for the counting season. For Long-eared Owl, it was nine in March, eight in April, and one more in May for an 18 total. There were also seven N. Saw-whet Owls banded at BBBBO on 20 April. The Long-eared Owl total was relatively low, while the N. Saw-whet total tied the record high for the period since 2001 for the years when the data has been summarized. Completing this part of the checklist, we find all three regular falcon species in typical numbers through the season. Among the woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker was back down to more normal numbers after a couple of high years; Red-headed Woodpecker was not reported until 5 April but by May was up to a now-typical 38 individuals for the month; and the peak of the Northern Flicker movement along the lakeshore was 236 on 14 April passing the Braddock Bay East Spit area.

Finally, we arrive at the passerines, over half of the lines of records received. March started off the season with few surprises and arrivals mostly as expected until shut off late in the season by a deep cold snap. A lone Hoary Redpoll photographed by Judy Slein in Durand-Eastman Park, Rochester was the first rarity, eclipsed by the Region's first well documented **Smith's Longspur** found by Jim Kimball along Barrett Road, Town of Leicester, Livingston County on 13 March and seen and photographed by many through 15 March. Otherwise, there were no outstanding species or counts for the month. As usual, more details and illustrations can be found in the species section of this report and in a Noteworthy Records table and field notes on the Rochester Birding Association's website.

April brought an influx of migrants, as expected, with a big movement of arrivals on 24-25 April accompanying a burst of warmth. As a reminder, many of the arrivals will be found in the usual spring arrival date table in *The Kingbird* and will not be further noted in the species section if that was the only noteworthy factor for the species for this season. The new species included several rarities, with: a **Western Kingbird** photographed by Tim Lenz on 9 April as it flew past Beechwood SP, Wayne County; **Western Tanager** seen and photographed along Edgemere Drive, Town of Greece on 14 April, found by Mitch Barry and refound by Chris Wood and Jessie and Jim Barry; and another **Western Tanager** at feeders just south of Conesus Lake, Livingston County from 16-22 April, with Lynne Parsons welcoming many birders to view from her home. Continuing, there was a White-eyed Vireo found by Brad Carlson at BBBO on 25 April; a **Lark Sparrow** viewed by Andy Guthrie and five others on Redman Road, Town of Hamlin on 14 April; a Worm-eating Warbler in the Firehouse Woods, Town of Greece from 25 April - 3 May, and another on Paul Road, Town of Chili on 4 May; and Yellow-throated Warbler on Edgemere Drive on 24 April. While winter finches were very scarce, a nice flock of 80 Common Redpolls was found in Hamlin Beach SP on 3 April, and the final two were reported in Webster on 17 April. A few Pine Siskins lingered to the end of May.

After a few delayed arrivals early in the month, May capped the season with mostly normal arrival dates and all expected species reported. Only a few irregular, almost-rarities were missed. Typical of recent years, migration was often in bursts dictated by locations of weather fronts and producing some unusual counts, e.g., 123 Magnolia Warblers and 67 Bay-breasted Warblers banded on 14 May at BBBO, and mixes of species. Overall, it seems apparent that numbers are generally down for many species. Breeding Bird Atlas work resulted in large numbers of reports for commoner species. Along with the nice weather, that work also added much to reporting generally. Another example is 35 species of warblers reported, only Kentucky Warbler "missed", and a very rare, second Regional, **Kirtland's Warbler** found by Jennifer Lang on 15 May near the main Braddock Bay Raptor Research (BBRR) hawk banding station and seen and photographed by many. Other rarer/scarcer passerine species reported in May included: another White-eyed Vireo, Sedge Wren, Clay-colored Sparrow, Worm-eating Warbler, Prothonotary Warbler, and Yellow-throated Warbler.

For the season, banding at BBBO was down 20% from 2021 and at the lowest total new bands in the 11 years for which I have assembled that data. Comparing totals for 2022 with the prior 10-year averages, with two standard deviations (STD) change as a criterion, Least Flycatcher and Bay-breasted Warbler were in high numbers and Ruby-throated Hummingbird low. There are the usual caveats that variables are many,

so one must look for reasons with care, and variances are high, so very few numbers outside two STD is an expected occurrence. Once more we had Black-capped Chickadee following its alternating years for abundance, with the recent few year's 232, 3, 675, and now again 3 totals banded for the seasons. The arrival date table of 93 species again averaged early, but there were only four species at record early dates for the 36 years of keeping the table. Be sure to check the arrival dates and hawkwatch tables, because those data are not always repeated in the species accounts below.

One can add all sorts of other data, like a very high 271 species reported for the season or the number of lines of reports in the eBird downloads for various species. But any and all of these take a good deal of time to pull or tease out of the mass of data. AND there is typically no feedback from the readers/users, unless someone has a particular complaint. Is any of this really interesting to anyone? What type of information would you like to see or to see omitted?

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**b** – indicate banded this season, usually at BBBO's Kaiser-Manitou passerine banding station; **BB** – Braddock Bay, MONR; **BBBO** – Braddock Bay Bird Observatory; **BB-ES** – East Spit at mouth of Braddock including newly constructed barrier beach island just off spit; **BB-HW** – Braddock Bay Hawkwatch; **BB-WS** – West Spit of Braddock Bay; **CIWMA** – Conesus In WMA, LIVI; **DEP** – Durand-Eastman P, Rochester; **ED** – off Edgemere Dr., T Greece, MONR; **G** – T Greece, MONR; **H** – T Hamlin, MONR; **HB** – Hamlin Beach SP, MONR; **HB-W** – Hamlin Beach SP, West end trails; **HB-YC** – Hamlin Beach SP, Yanty Creek trails at east end; **IBO** – Irondequoit Bay Outlet to Lake Ontario; **IB-S** – Irondequoit Bay south, LaSalle Landing P and nearby; **ICW** – Island Cottage Woods, T Greece, MONR; **LSP** – Letchworth SP; **M** – Manitou Beach area, MONR; **M-OW** – Owl Woods area west of Manitou Beach Rd., MONR; **MP** – Mendon Ponds P, MONR; **NMWMA** – Northern Montezuma WMA, T of Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (AR)** – north side of Armitage Rd.; **NMWMA (CR)** – along Carncross Rd. east of Savannah-Spring Lake Rd.; **NMWMA (GBM)** – Guy Baldassarre Marsh, T Savannah; **NMWMA (SavMuck)** – Savannah Mucklands, WAYNE; **NMWMA (VDSR)** – area along Van Dyne Spoor Rd., T Savannah, WAYN; **NMWMA (WST)** – West Shore Trail – area along Savannah mucklands N of Rt 89, T Savannah, WAYN; **OB** – Ontario Beach P, T Charlotte, MONR; **SalCrk** – Salmon Creek, T Greece just inland from BB; **SPt** – Sodus Pt, WAYN; **TCEA** – Twin Cedars Environmental Area, T Avon, LIVI; **W** – T of Webster, MONR; **WP** – Webster P, MONR.

**Snow Goose:** max 600,000 NMWMA (WST) 9 Mar (AJo); 150,000 NMWMA (SavMuck) 14 Mar (WD'A, CMor, mob); 240 eBird lines many loc Mar (mob); last NMWMA (GBM) 26 May.

**Ross's Goose:** arr 2 NMWMA (WST) 7 Mar (W&MR); Furnace Rd, T Wolcott, WAYN 9 Mar (W&MR); 1-2 NMWMA (SavMuck) 14 Mar (TL, ph).

**Snow x Canada Goose:** Creek Rd, Batavia, GENE 10 Mar (DBea); N Hamlin Rd 11 Mar (AGU); BB area 13; 14 Mar (NK; DBr). SalCrk, G 7 Mar (MB).

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 4 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds 11 Mar (TBo, LH); NMWMA (SavMuck) 14 Mar (mob, phs); North Ponds P, Webster 21 Mar (KMi, 7+ oth obs, phs).

**TUNDRA BEAN-GOOSE:** NMWMA (SavMuck) 10-14 Mar (mob, phs), 1<sup>st</sup> Reg & 2<sup>nd</sup> State, found on 9 Mar by TL at top of Seneca L.

**Brant:** arr 23 BB-ES 24 May (RCL); off Edgemere Dr, T Greece 25 May (JiB), only reps.

**Cackling Goose:** max 12 off Edgemere Dr, T Greece 6 Mar (JeB, MB); total ~54 ind 20+ loc Mar, good showing; last Church Rd, Hamlin 9 Apt (AGU).

**Canada Goose:** max 13600 off Edgemere Dr, T Greece 6 Mar (MB); 13000 BB-HW 6 Mar (DBr); 10,000 Sodus Bay 14 Mar (TL).

**Mute Swan:** max 285 BB 1 Mar (AGU); 169 Edgemere Dr, G 13 Apr, Apr max; 121 Buck Pd, G 16 May, May max.

**Trumpeter Swan:** max 15 NMWMA (CR) 26 Mar (AP, BCan).

**Tundra Swan:** 2500 Groveland Flats, LIVI 15 Mar (TBo, LH); max 3500 Groveland Flats, LIVI 22 Mar (JMcG, RZ); last Sandy Crk, T Hamlin 4 May.

**Tundra/Trumpeter Swan:** max 3000 NMWMA (SavMuck) 9 Mar (AJ).

**Wood Duck:** max 75 BB-HW 6 Mar May.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr 2 Geneseo Airfield 17 Mar; max 35 Groveland Flats, LIVI 30 Mar.

**CINNAMON TEAL:** 1 m Groveland Flats, LIVI 21 Mar – 4 Apr (J&KGo, mob, phs), 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg rec.

**Northern Shoveler:** max 200 Groveland Flats, LIVI 29-30 Mar (6 obs); last NMWMA (SCU).

**Gadwall:** max 100 NMWMA (West ShoreTrail) 12 Mar.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** 1m NMWMA (SavMuck) 11-31 Mar (mob, phs); NMWMA (GBM) 1-17 Apr (mob).

**American Wigeon:** max 450 NMWMA (GBM) 18; 26 Mar (PL, SMi; TL); last BB-ES & Hogan Pt Pd, G 28 May (MGI; JMi, LM, CW).

**Mallard:** max 900 Groveland Flats, LIVI 30 Mar.

**American Black Duck:** max 57 N Hamlin Rd, MONR 25 Mar (AGU).

**Northern Pintail:** max 1600 NMWMA (WST) 21 Mar PL, SMi); last 2 NMWMA (SCU) 8 May.

**Green-winged Teal:** max 350 Groveland Flats, LIVI 30 Mar; last Genesee Valley Greenway, LIVI 29 May (OA).

**GREEN-WINGED "EURASIAN" TEAL (R2):** 1m Groveland Flats, LIVI 22-29 Mar (BCar, 7 oth obs).

**Gadwall x American Wigeon:** NMWMA (GBM) 26 Mar (TL).

**Eurasian x American Wigeon:** NMWMA (Deep Muck) 26-27 Mar (AP, BCan, TL, JMcG).

**Canvasback:** max 200 NMWMA (SavMuck) 27 Mar (W&MR); last 2 Edgemere Dr, G 13 Apr.

**Redhead:** max 520 BB 1 Mar (AGU); last HB-YC 26 May (AGU).

**Canvasback x Redhead:** 1m Groveland Flats, LIVI 22 Mar (JMcG, DBen, JCol, RZ).

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 900 Groveland Flats, LIVI 22 Mar (JMcG); last CL-S 27 May (MG).

**Greater Scaup:** max 500 BB-HW 9 Mar; last 2 BB-WS 10 May.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 200 CL 4 Apr; last BB-ES 21 May.

**King Eider:** 1 f, 43 eBird lines off Round Pd, G & nearby G thru Mar – 17 Apr (mob, phs).

**COMMON EIDER:** 1 imm m off BB to Manitou Beach thru Mar & Apr – 1 May (mob, phs).

**Harlequin Duck:** 1-2, m & f off Round Pd, G & nearby G thru Mar – 21 Apr, 2 May (mob, phs).

**Surf Scoter:** last HB-YC 26 May (RB, NK).

**White-winged Scoter:** max 200 SPt, 8 Mar; last 4 HB 29 May.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 1770 HB-YC 25 Apr (AGU); last 1-2 HB – 2 loc 30 May.

**Bufflehead:** max 290 Edgemere Dr, G 12 Apr (CW); last HB 12 May.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 135 IBO 8 Mar; last Beechwood SP, WAYN 9 May (TL).

**Common x Barrow's Goldeneye:** 1 m Sodus Bay-S 21 Mar (TL, ph).

**Common Merganser:** max 1000 IB-S 8 Mar (JMi).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 880 HB 16 Apr (AGu), low max.

**Northern Bobwhite:** SPt 14 May (JWi, MGU), origin?, likely release.

**Ruffed Grouse:** T Bristol, ONTA 2 Apr, first for year.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 15 NMWMA (VDSR) 17 Apr, only rep >10 all spring.

**Horned Grebe:** max 291 Abraham Lincoln P, W 12 Apr (NU); only 4 rep >30 for season; last HB 31 May.

**Red-necked Grebe:** max 65 Beechwood SP 30 Mar (JWi), low max; last 2 ED 24 Apr, early last.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr sev loc 13 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr M-OW 12 May.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr Indian Fort NP, Geneseo 10 May; max 75 BB-HW 20 (DBr, KS).

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr 1-3 BB & M-OW & ED 24 Apr; last M-OW 20 May (LBe).

**Chimney Swift:** arr ED & Lakeview Church Trail, G 23 Apr (MB; JaG, RR); max 49 Norway Rd, ORLE 30 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr T Dansville, LIVI 19 Apr (SP), Reg rec early; total b 13 BBBO 15-26 May.

**Virginia Rail:** arr MP 21, 27 Mar (NR), 1<sup>st</sup> detection of wintering bird or arr?

**Sora:** arr ED 13 Apr (CW).

**Common Gallinule:** arr BB-HW 2 Apr (DBr, PMar, SG).

**American Coot:** max 112 BB-ES 17 Apr.

**Sandhill Crane:** total 71 BB-HW Mar; max 26 NMWMA (Railroad Rd Marshes) 13 Mar (JCon); total 68 ind 20+ loc 2-31 Mar; max 34 BB-HW 15 Apr; total 13 BB-HW 12-26 May; 23 ind 13+ oth loc 1-26 May; 11 NMWMA (AR) 22 May (JCol).

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr Brick Schoolhouse Rd, H 3 May (JMi, LM, CW); max 112 BB-ES 27 May (MB).

**American Golden-Plover:** NMWMA (SavMuck) 6 Apr (MM, MGU, ER, STab).

**Killdeer:** max 34 ED 6 Mar.

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr 2 NMWMA (GBM) 6 May; max 26 BB-ES 27 May.

**PIPING PLOVER (R2):** BB 24 Apr (CW, JeB, MB, AGu), 11<sup>th</sup> Reg spring record; BB-ES 13 May (SGU, JMi, LM), 12<sup>th</sup> Reg spring record, phs, color-banded.

**Upland Sandpiper:** BB-HW 21 Apr (DBr).

**Whimbrel:** arr BB-ES (MB, AB, BHaa) & HB (AGu) 23 May; 27; 54 BB-ES 27 May (AGu, JMi, LM; MB); max 85 BB-ES 28 May (AGu, CW).

**MARBLED GODWIT (R2):** arr 14 BB-ES (SG) & OB (RB) 14 May; Genesee Valley Greenway, LIVI 17-19 May (JKi, 15+ oth obs).

**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr BB-ES 13 May (MGi); max 50 BB-ES 27 May (NR).

**Red Knot:** arr 2-max 18 BB-ES 27 May (mob; max MB).

**Stilt Sandpiper:** Genesee Valley Greenway, LIVI 20 May (JKi, ph), rare in spring.

**Sanderling:** arr 1-53 sev loc 27 May (mob); 24 BB-ES 27 May (AGu, JiM, LM); max 53 OB 27 May (AGu, JMi).

**Dunlin:** arr SPt 31 Mar (MGU), early; max 550 BB-ES 27 May (MBA).

**Least Sandpiper:** arr NMWMA (GBM) 28 Apr; max 60 NMWMA (GBM) 6 May, low max.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr BB-WS 24 May.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr 2 NMWMA (SavMuck) 20 Mar (MT), early; max 72 NMWMA (SavMuck) 9 Apr (JGar, MBab).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr SPt 17 May; max 58 BB-ES 30 May (MGi).

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr BB-ES 12 May; max 20 Lock 32 Canal P 19 May (MJ).

**American Woodcock:** arr Olmstead Rd, T W. Bloomfield, ONTA 10 Mar.

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr Piffard Flats, Geneseo, LIVI 9 Mar.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr BB-ES 11 Apr (GLaw), early; max 18 BB-ES 23; 28 May (BHaa; AGu, CW).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Brick Schoolhouse Rd, H 16 Apr.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 3 NMWMA (SavMuck) 20 Mar (MT); max 30 NMWMA (CR) 18 Apr.

**Willet:** arr OB 1 May (CW); BB-ES 27 Ma7 (MB).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr 3 NMWMA (SavMuck) 23 Mar (JBr, RK); MB), early; max 60 Piffard Flats, Genesee, LIVI 17 Apr (JKI).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr 2 BB-HW (DBr, *et al.*) & Beechwood SP, WAYN (TL) 17 Mar; max 218 ED 15 Apr (AGu, CW, JeB, KB, MB).

**Little Gull:** 1 adHB 11 Apr (AGu); N Hamlin Rd, MONR 13 Apr (CW).

**LAUGHING GULL (R2):** 1 CL – Vitale P **29**

Mar-10 Apr (TL, mob, phs), Reg record early; 2 ad BB-WS 20 May (AGu, JiM).

**FRANKLIN'S GULL (R2):** 1 ad Spt 16 May (MGu, ph).

**Ring-billed Gull:** max 4000 Groveland Flats, LIVI 4 Apr (PL, SMi, WD'A).

**Herring Gull:** max 1500 BB-HW 4 Mar (DBr); max 1500 IB P-W 10 Mar (AGar).

**Iceland Gull:** total 19 ind 11 loc Mar; total 9 ind 9 loc 3-28 Apr; BB-HW 2 May (DBr, mob, phs); 3 OB 5 May (JiM); last OB 28 May (AGu).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** total 24 ind 18 loc 2-27 Mar; 30+ ind 15 loc 1-24 Apr (11 obs); 8 ind 8 loc 4-26 May.

**Glaucous Gull:** total 12 ind 10 loc 1-28 Mar; 7 ind 6 loc 1-18 Apr; OB 19-23 May (JiM, RCI, DTe); last BB-ES 26 May (NR).

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 50 IB P-W 10 Mar (AGa).

**Caspian Tern:** arr Martin Rd, H 5 Apr (PMar); max 258 Spt 27 May (TL).

**Black Tern:** arr ED 24 Apr (CW, AGu); max 41 NMWMA (SCU) 3 May (GD).

**Common Tern:** arr 5 Burger P, G & 12 Alder Beach, T Parma, MONR 12 Apr (JiM, LM).

**Forster's Tern:** arr ED 24 Apr (CW, AGu).

**Red-throated Loon:** max 62 BB-ES 12 Apr (GLaw); last HB 31 May.

**Common Loon:** max 100 CL 17 Apr (OA), low max.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 930 BB-ES 21 Apr (GLaw).

**American White Pelican:** 2 over Manitou Beach Rd 1 May (SBr).

**American Bittern:** arr MP 11 Apr (NR).

**Least Bittern:** arr NMWMA (Marten Tract) 17 Apr (TL), ties Reg record early.

**Great Egret:** arr Groveland Flats, LIVI **16** Mar (TBo, LH), Reg record early.

**Snowy Egret (R2):** arr NMWMA (CR) 16-17 Apr (MGu, TL, KGa), Reg record early.

**LITTLE BLUE HERON (R2):** BB-HW 11 May (DBr, RCI); M 14 May (DTe), phs, likely same ind.

**Cattle Egret:** 1 ad alt Manitou to BB area 2 May (KMcG, 26+ oth obs, phs), rare in spring.

**Green Heron:** arr T Bloomfield, ONTA 17 Apr (LK).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr ED 14 Apr (CW, JeB, JiB).

**Glossy Ibis:** arr BB-HW 26 Apr (DBr); Burger P, G 27 Apr (MGi, mob); NMWMA (GBM) 27-30 Apr, 3-6 May (JWi, mob).

**WHITE-FACED IBIS:** BB-HW 26 Apr (DBr); Burger P, G 27 Apr (MGi, mob); 1-3 NMWMA (GBM) 27-30 Apr (JWi, mob); 1-2 NMWMA (GBM) 2-6 May (12+ obs, phs), approx. 9<sup>th</sup> Reg record.

**Black Vulture:** arr 2 BB-HW 21 Mar (DBr); Lake Ontario Parkway, T Parma 25 Mar (BCar); BB-ES 26 Mar (MGi); BB-HW (DBr, *et al.*) & OB area (BW) 8 Apr; BB 10 Apr (EH, mob); BB-HW (DBr) & SUNY Brockport (RB) 25 Apr; MP 9 May (MF); BB-HW 31 May (MT, DBr, *et al.*).

**Turkey Vulture:** total 13,062 BB-HW Mar (DBr, *et al.*); **max 10,083** BB-HW 31 Mar (DBr, *et al.*), HW all-time high count; total for season **32,658**, new high.

**Osprey:** arr TCEA (MW) & Beechwood SP (TL) & Old Duck Inn, T Galen, WAYN (DO) 24 Mar, early.

**Golden Eagle:** arr BB-HW & Broadway Rd, WAYN 17 Mar; Broadway Rd, WAYN 24 Mar; Jacobs Rd. H 31 Mar; total 22 BB-HW 4-29 Apr; **max 10** BB-HW 25 Apr (DBr, *et al.*), ties HW record high; total 8 ind 7 oth loc Apr; total 5 BB-HW 2, 9, 11 May.

**Northern Goshawk:** no reports.

**Bald Eagle:** 664 lines eBird Mar; 862 lines eBird Apr; 936 lines eBird May; up from 2021 each mo; **max 214** BB-HW 20 May, HW all-time high count; total 912 BB-HW May; **total for season 1458**, new high.

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** BB-HW 20 May, 6:00 AM, (DBr, 10+ oth obs, phs); Beechwood SP,

Wayne 20 May, 8:29 AM, (TL, phs); 1 imm Genrich Garden Center, Rochester 28 May (JeB, CW).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr Lakeshore Marshes WMA, WAYN 11 Apr (MGu); max 12555 BB-HW 25 Apr, *intro*; season total 20778.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** total 23 BB-HW Mar; total ~24 ind 15 oth loc Mar; total 35 BB-HW 2-25 Apr; total 34 ind 15 oth loc 2-26 Apr; total 6 ind 4 oth loc 3-20 May; last 3 BB-HW 20 May (DBr, *et al.*).

**Snowy Owl:** total ~5 ind 5 loc 1-5, 20 Mar; last BB-HW 7-8 Apr (DBr, *et al.*).

**Long-eared Owl:** total 9 M-OW 18-27 Mar; total 8 M-OW 9-30 Apr; M-OW 2 May.

**Short-eared Owl:** last BB-HW 258 Apr (DBr, *et al.*).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** total 76 M-OW Mar; 7b BBBO 17 Mar (AP); total 7 M-OW Apr; M-OW 2 May.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** arr T Barre, ORLE 5 Apr, late arr; total ~38 ind 30 loc May.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** arr BB & HB 31 Mar.

**Northern Flicker:** max 236 BB-ES 14 Apr (GLaw, MGi, AL).

**American Kestrel:** 167 eBird lines Mar; 411 eBird lines Apr, high; 195 eBird lines May.

**Merlin:** 77 eBird lines Mar; total 14 BB-HW 5-25 Apr; ~42 ind 28 oth loc Apr; 13 BB-HW 2-26 May; total ~29 ind 19+ oth loc 1-26 May.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 89 eBird lines Mar; total 21 BB-HW 1-26 Apr; total ~22 ind 15 oth loc Apr; total 16 BB-HW 1-26 May; ~20 ind 13 oth loc 1-29 May; nesting in downtown Rochester, see posts rfalconcam website.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr 4 loc 25 Apr (mob).

**WESTERN KINGBIRD:** Beechwood SP, WAYN 9 Apr (TL, phs).

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr HB & BB-HW 25 Apr (5 obs).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr M-OW 16 May (6 obs); total 9 ind 8 loc 16-30 May (21 obs).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr Beechwood SP, WAYN 10 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr 1b BBBO 12 May; total b 39 BBBO 12-31 May.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr 3 LSP-Dishmill Crk, LSP 16 May.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr 2 Nunda-Dalton Rd, LIVI 12 May (JGo), early.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr CIWMA 9 May (MW).

**“Traill’s” Flycatcher:** max b 21 BBBO 20 May; total b 132 BBBO 13 May thru.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Scottsville, MONR 1 May; max b 15 BBBO 13 May; total b 87 BBBO 1-30 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr 4 loc 18 Mar.

**WHITE-EYED VIREO (R2):** 1b BBBO 25 Apr, early; HB-YC 12 May (AGu, RG).

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr CIWMA 26 Apr (BCar), early.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr T Groveland, LIVI 18 Apr.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr Firehouse Woods, G & Beechwood SP, WAYN 11 May; total b 12 BBBO 14-28 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr 1-2 T Groveland, LIVI & North Pds P, W 25 Apr.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr Four Mile Crk Pre, W 5 May; total b 21 M 14 thru May, low, up 22% from 2021; 1138 eBird lines May.

**Northern Shrike:** total 15 ind 14 loc Mar; last Burger P, G 9 Apr.

**Blue Jay:** max 1500 BB-HW 20 May (DBr, KS), low max; total b 52 BBBO 26 Apr, 1-30 May.

**American Crow:** max 715 Beechwood SP, WAYN 17 Mar (TL), low max; typically max nr BB.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** 1332 eBird lines Mar; 1842 eBird lines Apr; 2358 eBird lines May; 2b BBBO 30 Apr, 1b BBBO 26 May; a down spring.

**Horned Lark:** max 130 Church Rd, H 27 Mar.

**Bank Swallow:** arr HB 12 Apr; max 360 HB-WE 17 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr ED 6 Mar; max 300 MAC 22 Apr & ED 2 May, low max.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr BB-HW 5 Apr; max 200 Beechwood SP WAYN 30 Apr.

**Purple Martin:** arr BB-HW 31 Mar.

**Barn Swallow:** arr BB-HW 5 Apr.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr SalCrk 14 Apr.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr IB P-W 2 Apr (BMad); 46b BBBO 24 Apr; 75 Maxwell Crk, WAYN 5 May (DD); max 86b BBBO 5 May; total b 421 BBBO 15 Apr-20 May; last Kings Bend P, Pittsford, MONR 25 May (LL).

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 75 HB 13 Apr (AGu); total b 52 BBBO 16-307 Apr, 11 May.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 610 HB 31 May (AGu).

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 191 eBird lines Mar; 259 eBird lines Apr; 339 eBird lines May; relatively low.

**Brown Creeper:** total b 19 BBBO 15-30 Apr.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr Genesee Valley P, Rochester 12 Apr.

**House Wren:** arr T Richmond, ONTA 14 Apr (BHo).

**Winter Wren:** 13 ind 13 loc 4-30 Mar (16 obs), most overwintered; 184 eBird lines May.

**SEDGE WREN (R2):** Ballantyne Rd, T Chili, MONR 12 May, now rare.

**Marsh Wren:** arr NMWMA (CR) 8 Apr.

**Gray Catbird:** 5 ind 5 loc 19-29 Mar; arr Sandra L. Frankel NP, T Brighton & Abraham Lincoln P, W 4 Apr; max b 46 BBBO 11 May; total b 327 BBBO 26 Apr-31 May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr T Penfield, MONR 1 Apr (NU), early.

**Veery:** arr Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 25 Apr (JaG, RR); total b 9 BBBO 10-26 May.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr 2 Firehouse Woods, G 18 May; total b 10 BBBO 19-30 May, low.

**Gray-cheeked/Bicknell's Thrush:** total b 3 BBBO 22, 28 May, low.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr Abraham Lincoln P, W, MONR 7 May; max b 12 BBBO 22 May, low max; total b 74 BBBO 11-30 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** 8 ind 6 loc Mar; arr 3 loc T Webster 2 Apr; max 19 Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 6 May (JiM, LM); total b 18 BBBO 25 Apr-19 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 24 Apr (SG); total b BBBO 2-28 May.

**American Robin:** max 950 BB-HW 17 Mar; 1985 eBird lines Mar; 3553 eBird lines Apr; 4565 eBird lines May.

**American Pipit:** arr BB- W 6 Mar; max 300 Beechwood SP, WAYN 1 May (JGar); Cook Rd quarry, H 28 May (RCI).

**Evening Grosbeak:** max 30 nr Linwood, T York LIVI 9 May (NG); last ED 29 May (CW), historically typical.

**Pine Grosbeak:** last MP 7 Mar (JiM, LM).

**Common Redpoll:** 75 Beechwood SP, Wayne 3 Mar; 75 Whiting Rd NP, W 6 Mar; max 80 HB-YC 3 Apr; last 2 W 17 Apr (CGu).

**Hoary Redpoll:** DEP 10 Mar (JSl, ph), only rep.

**Pine Siskin:** max 40 WP 20 Mar; last Beatty Pt, G 30 May (CW).

**American Goldfinch:** max 120 BB-HW 20 May, low max.

**Lapland Longspur:** max 36 Jones Bridge & Perry Rds, LIVI 14 Mar (NK); last Jacobs Rd, H 10 May (AGu).

**SMITH'S LONGSPUR:** Barrett Rd area, T Leicester, LIVI 13-25 Mar (JKi, 20+ oth obs, phs), 1<sup>st</sup> documented Reg record.

**Snow Bunting:** max 280 Barrett Rd area, T Leicester, LIVI 14 Mar (JiM); last 2 Jacobs Rd, H 27 Mar (5 obs).

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr T Bloomfield, ONTA 17 Apr (LKa).

**LARK SPARROW:** Redman Rd, H 14 Apr (AGu, GLaw, RB, JWa, JiM), phs, aud, 10<sup>th</sup> Reg record.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr 2 Cook Rd, H 29 Apr (LBe, RR, phs, aud); G 4 Apr (RRy); 1-2 Cook Rd, H sev sites 4-30 May; 1-2 Palmer Farm, ORLE 11-30 May (GP).

**Field Sparrow:** arr Rush Oak Openings Pre, MONR 2 Apr.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr 2 T Canadice, ONTA 27 Mar; last Leigh Valley Trail, MONR 6 May.

**American Tree Sparrow:** last 2 loc, MONR 29 Apr.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 44 Jacobs Rd, H 14 Apr, ok count.

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 85 ICW 2 May (SD); max b 36 BBBO 2 May; total b 112 BBBO 22 Apr-20 May, low.

**Song Sparrow:** max 40 Beechwood SP, WAYN 1 May.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr BB-ES & Firehouse Woods, G 2 May; total b 17 BBBO 2-22 May; last BB-ES 27 May.

**Eastern Towhee:** arr Genesee Riverway Trail, ROCH 26 Mar.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** HB-W 21 May (AGu).

**Bobolink:** arr 2 T Geneseo, LIVI 23 Apr (JSt), early; max 40 HB-YC 10 May (AGu).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr BB-HW 8 Mar (DBr); max 28 Jacobs Rd, H 27 Mar (AGu).

**Orchard Oriole:** arr T Mumford, MONR 24 Apr (JaG).

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr T Caledonia, LIVI & T Brighton, MONR 24 Apr (MS, AJu); max 41 HB-YC 10 May (AGu); 2987 eBird lines May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 4800 Beechwood SP, WAYN 17 Mar (TL); 4116 eBird lines May.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 460 BB-ES 21 Apr (GLaw).

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr 6 ED & 3 HB-S 6 Mar; 110 BB-HW 31 Mar (DBr, EH); 265 BB-ES 14 Apr (MGi, GLaw, AL); 214 ED 15 Apr (6 obs); 250 Beechwood SP, WAYN 24 Apr (BHac, JHu, DBen); max 407 Paul Rd School NC, T Gates, MONR 26 Apr (BriM); last BB-ES & T Honeoye, ONTA 15 May.

**Common Grackle:** max 5200 Beechwood SP, WAYN 17 Mar (TL); 3291 eBird lines May.

**Ovenbird:** arr T Bristol, ONTA 24 Apr (KK); total b 28 BBBO 2-20 May.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** Firehouse Woods 25 Apr-3 May (friend of ACor, mob, phs), amazingly long-staying individual; Paul Rd School NC, T Gates, MONR 4 May (JGoe).

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Sonyea SF, LIVI 22 Apr.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr Black Crk P, MONR 24 Apr; total b 45 BBBO 1-23, 30, 31 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** total 10 ind 7 loc 2-20 May (14 obs).

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Nunda-Dalton Rd, LIVI 25 Apr (JGo), Reg record early; E Swamp Rd, Conesus, LIVI & Hemlock L-S, ONTA 26 Apr (BCar), early.

**Golden-winged x Blue-winged Warbler:** total 7 ind 7 loc 10-23 May (7 obs).

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr HB 13 Apr (AGu), Reg record early; 4 T Victor ONTA 27 Apr; total b 15 BBBO 2-21 May.

**PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R2):** 1-2 NMWMA (AR) 6-30 May, 64 eBird lines; Firehouse Woods, G 14-15 May (JaG).

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Brown Rd, T Wolcott, WAYN 8 May; max 20 IB P-W 19

May (CP); max b 12 BBBO 14 May; total b 29 BBBO 11-30 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** arr Frisbee Hill, G 30 Apr (CW); 1b BBBO 19 May; total ~11 ind 9 oth loc 1-23 May, typical number for species.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr Pinacle Hill, T Brighton, MONR 24 Apr (RB, JWa), early; total b 22 BBBO 2-20 May.

**CONNECTICUT WARBLER (R2):** 1b BBBO 19 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr Beechwood SP, WAYN 10 May; total b 20 BBBO 13-31 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr Black Crk P, MONR 24 Apr (JKe), early; max 21 MP 11 May (HBar); max b BBBO 15 16 May; total b 113 BBBO 5-31 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Beechwood SP, WAYN & Allen Rd, W 1 May.

**American Redstart:** arr T Bristol, ONTA 25 Apr (KK), Reg record early; 26 HB-YC 20 May (AGu); max 38 HB-WE 21 May (AGu); max b 49 BBBO 20 May; total b 191 BBBO 10-31 May.

**KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:** M 15 May (JLa, 27+ oth obs, phs), 2<sup>nd</sup> Reg record.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr Macyville Woods Pre, T Sodus, WAYN 26 Apr; last West Port Bay, WAYN 28 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr T Groveland, LIVI 6 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr HB-CG 25 Apr.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr Cobbs Hill P, ROCH 25 Apr (RR, JaG, PMar), early; max b 123 BBBO 14 May; total b 356 BBBO 9-30 May; low numbers.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr Nations Rd IBA, LIVI 7 May; 30 M-OW 14 May (JaG), max 35 Firehouse Woods, G 14 May (MGi); max b 67 BBBO 14 May, high; total b 85 BBBO 10-23 May, high.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr T Fairport, MONR 25 Apr (BRO, GLaz), early.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr T Geneseo, LIVI 23 Apr (JSt), early; max b 15 BBBO 11 May; 60 M-OW 15 (May (SBi, JMcG); max 61 HB-WE 21 May (AGu); total b 68 BBBO 24 Apr-30 May; 3134 eBird lines May, high.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr MP 30 Apr (ND); max 18 Lakeshore Marshes WMA, WAYN 14 May (BHac, JHu); max b 31 BBBO 14 May; total b 75 BBBO 10-31 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr 1 Firehouse Woods, G & RG&E Corridor Trail 11 May; max 24 Church Trail, G 13 May (KS); total b 8 BBBO 20-30 May, low.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr Highland P, ROCH 27 Apr (JiM); max 20 M-OW 13 May CGi, ET); max b 14 BBBO 20 May; total b 83 M BBBO 2-30 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr 1-2 ind 4 loc 13 Apr, early; max 35 Beechwood SP, WAYN 1 May (TL, JGar); max b 23 BBBO 15 May; total b 76 BBBO 18 Apr-18 May; last 2 Churchville P, MONR 24 May (PI).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr 3 Swifts Landing P, Palmyra, WAYN 1 Mar (LCB, StB), early; 13 ind 9 loc 1-26 Mar; 120 Firehouse Woods, G 25 Apr (CW); max 320 Beechwood SP WAYN 1 May (TL, JGar); max b 15 BBBO 14 May; total b 37 BBBO 22 Apr-14 May, low; 1267 eBird lines May.

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R2):** arr ED 24 Apr (CW, mob), early; LSP-Inspiration Pt 9 May (BCar); LSP-Portageville 24 May (JCol).

**Prairie Warbler:** arr HB-YC 25 Apr (RSp), early; Whiting Rd NP, W 7 May (TBo); 1-2 Wetmore & Townline Rds, LIVI 6-22 May (TBo, LHo, KK, PMar); T Springwater, LIVI 24 May (TBo).

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr 1-3 M-OW & Cobbs Hill P 24 Apr (7 obs), early; max 14 Beechwood SP, WAYN 11 May (AH, JMal, JBac); total b 16 BBBO 11-29 May.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Beechwood SP, WAYN 9 May (TL); max b 10 BBBO 21 May; total b 61 BBBO 11-31 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr 4 loc 10 May; max b 17 BBBO 14 May; total b 69 BBBO 11-31 May.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr Riverside Cemetery, ROCH 1 May (CW), early.

**WESTERN TANAGER:** ED 3 loc 14 Apr (MB, CW, JeB, JiB, phs), 4th Reg rep; CL-S 16-22 Apr (LP, mob, phs), at feeder, 5th Reg Rep.

**Northern Cardinal:** 1976 eBird lines Mar; 2751 eBird lines Apr; 4175 eBird lines May.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr LSP-Humphrey NC 25 Apr.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr T Groveland, LIVI 2 May; max 17 HB 20 May (AGu); total b 10 BBBO 14-31 May, low.

## REGION 3—FINGER LAKES

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March 2022 was warmer and snowier than normal, but with precipitation totals near normal. April was warmer at night and drier than normal. May was overall warmer and drier than normal. In Ithaca, the average low temperature in March was 22.8° F, 1° above normal. The average high temperature was 44.9°, 4.1° above normal. Total precipitation was 2.75", 0.03" less than normal. Snowfall totaled 14.7", 2.7" more than normal. Snow depth peaked at 7" on 13 March. Measurable amounts of snow were on the ground for 10 days before 16 March. In April, the average low temperature was 34.4°, 1.5° above normal and the average high was 54.3°, 0.02° below normal. The 3.06" of precipitation was 0.34" less than normal. Total snowfall was 5.0" which all fell 19 April, 2.2" more than normal. May had an average low temperature of 45.8°, 1.8° above normal and average high temperature of 70.6°, 3.3° above normal. Precipitation was 1.97", 1.23" less than normal. Warm fronts passed through the Region on 2, 6, 11, 14, 22, 25, and 30 March; 6, 12, 14, 21, and 29 April; and 2, 10, 20, 25, and 30 May.

Canada Goose migration peaked 5 March as more than 27,000 passed over Libe Slope at Cornell University. Snow Goose numbers peaked between 9 and 16 March. Also in the first half of March, keen-eyed observers picked out up to two Ross's Geese, a Greater White-fronted Goose, and a **Tundra Bean-Goose** among the hoards of Snow Geese. The latter was a second state record, and a first for the Region. Brant mostly moved through the Region 19 May. Both Mute and Trumpeter Swans were present in record numbers.

High numbers were also reported for Wood Ducks in late May and for Northern Pintails in mid-March. The timing of duck migration was normal, except for the late arrival of the first Surf Scoter and the late departures of a Greater Scaup and two White-winged Scoters. Unusual species included a Eurasian Wigeon on Canandaigua Lake and at Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. A **Tufted Duck** spent a few days in early March on Canandaigua Lake and then appeared on Seneca Lake for one sighting. Observers at both locations reported it associating with scaup and Ring-necked Ducks. The only Black Scoter was on Canandaigua Lake in mid-April. A Barrow's Goldeneye was on Seneca Lake in early March.

The highest count of Wild Turkeys was 26, the lowest high count in many years. Nevertheless, observations of the species were well distributed throughout the Region.

An Eared Grebe was at the south end of Seneca Lake in early March and at the north end of the lake in late April with no reports in between. Owasco Lake hosted a high count of Red-throated Loons.

There was a high count of Mourning Doves in Cayuga County on 1 March. Both cuckoo species were plentiful, undoubtedly in response to the Spongy Moth (*Lymantria dispar*) outbreak and the increasing number of Eastern Tent Caterpillars (*Malacosoma americanum*). The only Eastern Whip-poor-will report came from Montezuma NWR in late May. Observers reported a high count of Sora at Montezuma NWR in mid-May.

It was an exciting season for shorebirds. Several species had early arrivals: Whimbrel, Red Knot, Pectoral Sandpiper, and Lesser Yellowlegs. High counts were reported for Whimbrel and Red Knot. Species more often seen in the fall migration made appearances: American Golden-Plover, Stilt Sandpiper, and **Baird's Sandpiper**. Species reported from a single site included Upland Sandpiper, **Baird's Sandpiper**, Long-billed Dowitcher, Wilson's Phalarope, Red-necked Phalarope, and the season's rarest shorebird, **Curlew Sandpiper**.

High numbers of Bonaparte's and Glaucous Gulls were reported from Cayuga Lake and Canandaigua Lake, respectively. A Forster's Tern at Cayuga Lake 7 April was early.

Members of the South Shore Bird Club photographed two American White Pelicans flying by Montezuma NWR in late April for the season's only report. A count of Great Blue Herons at a single site at Montezuma NWR was a new high. The most interesting waders were two Snowy Egrets at Montezuma NWR, a

Cattle Egret in Cayuga County, and seven Glossy Ibises, also at Montezuma NWR.

There were two high counts among raptors. Ninety-three Broad-winged Hawks were counted migrating past Libe Slope in late April. For the second consecutive year, a pair of Peregrine Falcons fledged four young at Taughannock Falls State Park.

A Red-headed Woodpecker in Tompkins County made an early March return. Woodpeckers, perhaps benefitting from the recent die-off of White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*), are in good numbers. Observers reported high counts of Red-bellied Woodpeckers, Yellow-bellied Sapsuckers, and Pileated Woodpeckers.

Flycatcher and vireo migrations were normal. There was a high count of Great Crested Flycatchers in the Owasco Lake Inlet area in late May. A White-eyed Vireo was in the Town of Caroline in early April.

Some other species with high counts were Tufted Titmouse, Red-breasted Nuthatch, Winter Wren, Eastern Bluebird, Veery, and Wood Thrush. A Brown Thrasher arrived early in mid-March in the Town of Hornby. A Sedge Wren was at Hog Hole in late April.

In spite of the White Ash die-off, both House and Purple Finches had high counts reported. Winter finches were scarce. Single Common Redpolls were reported from seven locations. Red Crossbill reports all came from four State forests in Tompkins County, one State forest in Cayuga County, and a private preserve in Chemung County. A White-winged Crossbill was in Yates County. The maximum count of eight Pine Siskins was in Schuyler County.

Sparrow and blackbird migration was normal. The only high count among the two groups was three Clay-colored Sparrows in the Town of Lodi.

Four species of warblers arrived early: Hooded Warbler, American Redstart, Cape May Warbler, and Prairie Warbler. Three reports of Golden-winged Warbler was a good showing for that species. Additionally, a "Brewster's" Warbler, a "Lawrence's" Warbler, and various backcrosses were reported. Orange-crowned Warblers were scarce with one report from Tompkins County and one from Chemung County. Warbler high counts were Chestnut-sided Warblers at Arnot Forest and Black-throated Blue Warblers at Shindagin Hollow State Forest.

There were just two reports of Dickcissel. One was in the Town of Dryden in late April. The other was at the Ithaca Tompkins Airport in mid-May.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AF** – Arnot Forest; **BL** – Beebe L, TOMP; **CLSP** – Cayuga L SP; **CP** – City Pier, ONTA; **DSF** – Danby State Forest, TOMP; **GLP** – Geneva Lakefront P, SENE; **HO** – Hawthorn Orchard, TOMP; **HSRW** – Hile School Road Wetland, TOMP; **LPBP** – Lindsay-Parsons Biodiversity Pres, TOMP; **LRPF** – Leet Road Pd & Fields ONTA; **LS** – Libe Slope, TOMP; **MNWR** – Montezuma NWR; **MR** – Monkey Run, TOMP; **MyPt** – Myers Pt, TOMP; **NEI** – Northeast Ithaca; **OLI** – Owasco L In, CAYU; **PHSF** – Potato Hill State Forest, TOMP; **SenL** – Seneca L; **SHSF** – Shindagin Hollow State Forest, TOMP; **SLSP** – Seneca L SP; **SPNA** – Salt Pt Natural Area, TOMP; **SRCP** – Stevenson Rd Compost Piles, TOMP; **SSP** – Sampson SP; **StP** – Stewart P, TOMP; **SW** – Sapsucker Woods, TOMP; **TCar** – T Caroline, TOMP; **TDry** – T Dryden, TOMP; **TFay** – T Fayette, SENE; **TFSP** – Taughannock Falls SP; **TLan** – T Lansing, TOMP; **TOv** – T Ovid, SENE; **TSen**

– T Seneca, ONTA; **TSF** – T Seneca Falls, SENE; **TSMP** - Allan H Treman State Marine P, TOMP; **TTyr** – T Tyre, SENE; **TVE** – T Van Etten, CHEM.

**Snow Goose:** max 500,000 MNWR 10 Mar.

**Ross's Goose:** arr MNWR 23 Feb; max 2 MNWR 9-10 Mar; last MNWR 19 Mar.

Snow x Ross's Goose MNWR 11-13 Mar (DWh, ph).

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** arr MNWR 10-16 Mar.

**TUNDRA BEAN-GOOSE:** SLSP 9 Mar (TLe, ph), first Region and second State record; MNWR 10-14 Mar (mob, ph).

**Brant:** arr 68 MyPt 19 May; max 475 MNWR 19 May; last GLP 27 May.

**Cackling Goose:** max 21 Cornell University 5 Mar; last MNWR 3 Apr.

**Canada Goose:** max 27,673 LS 5 Mar.

**Snow x Canada Goose (hybrid):** LTFay 1 Mar; SLSP 3-4 Mar; Canandaigua L ONTA 4 Mar.

**Mute Swan:** max 36 SLSP 3-5 Mar (SBi, NJ), high; last 2 Farley's Pt CAYU 30 May (DS), late.

**Trumpeter Swan:** max 21 MNWR 6 Apr (SSH), high.

**Tundra Swan:** max 1000 MNWR 3-9 Mar; last MNWR 10 Apr.

**Wood Duck:** arr 2 SLSP 2 Mar; max 246 MNWR 23 May (RSt!), high.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr MNWR 6 Mar; max 100 MNWR 4-10 Apr.

**Northern Shoveler:** arr TSMP 11 Feb; max 250 MNWR 17 Apr.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** arr CP 5 Mar; last MNWR 2 Apr.

**Northern Pintail:** max 15,000 MNWR 13 Mar (mob!), high.

**TUFTED DUCK (R3):** Woodville Boat Launch ONTA 8-9 Mar (BiHo, ph; mob, ph); SLSP 11 Mar (WD, CMo!).

**Greater Scaup:** max 1000 Cayuga L SENE 20 Mar; last GLP 30 May (TLe), late.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 3500 Wolffy's Restaurant SENE 13 Mar; last SLSP 25 May.

**Surf Scoter:** arr Geneva on the Lake SENE 3 Apr, late; max 3 Dryden L TOMP 12 Apr; last 3 Deep Run P ONTA 30 Apr.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 34 SenL SENE 19 May; last 2 Indian Pines P YATE 27 May (TLe), late.

**Black Scoter:** Water Pumping Station ONTA 16 Apr.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 95 Geneva on the Lake SENE 3 Apr; S Main Street Overlook SENE 30 May.

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** SenL SENE 1-4 Mar (TLe, ph).

**Wild Turkey:** max 26 T Benton YATE 4 Mar, low.

**Red-necked Grebe:** arr & max 32 Geneva Country Club SENE 19 Mar; last 2 GLP 30 May.

**Eared Grebe:** SenL SCHU 1-4 Mar (mob!); Seneca Lakefront P SENE 22-23 Apr (mob, ph).

**Mourning Dove:** max 52 T Ledyard CAYU 1 Mar (MSc), high.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr T Ulysses TOMP 9 May; max 5 SHSF 29 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr Gleason Meadows CHEM 8 May; max 5 AF TOMP 21 May; 5 Finger Lakes National Forest SCHU 21 May; 5 LPBP 25 May.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr HSRW 14 May; max 11 Slaterhouse TOMP 21 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** MNWR 26 May (MHar).

**Chimney Swift:** arr Fairview Manor TOMP 23 Apr; max 80 GLP SENE 20 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr TDry 28 Apr; max 5 T Big Flats CHEM 14 May.

**Virginia Rail:** arr Big Flats Trail CHEM 24 Mar; max 5 HSRW 7 May; 5 Goetchicus Pres TOMP 7 May.

**Sora:** arr Palmer Woods TOMP 13 Apr; max 5 MNWR 11 May (JA, LM), high.

**Common Gallinule:** arr 2 MNWR 9 Apr; max 10 MNWR 16 Apr.

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr Elmira Dam CHEM 7 May; max 110 MNWR 27 May (JM!), high.

**American Golden-Plover:** arr MNWR 5 Apr (RSt!, TLe, ph), early; max 5 LRPF 24 May (DDA!), high.

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr 2 LRPF 9 May; max 230 MNWR 20 May.

- Upland Sandpiper:** arr & max 2 TSF 3-7 May.
- Whimbrel:** arr & max 68 GLP 19 May (TLe!, ph), early & high.
- Ruddy Turnstone:** arr MyPt 15 May; max 9 Kershaw P ONTA 21 May.
- Red Knot:** arr MNWR 21 May (CW!), early; 19 Woolffy's Restaurant SENE 23 May; max & last 68 CP 23 May (DDA, ph), high.
- Stilt Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 20 May, late; LRPF 21 May; last MNWR 29 May (KR!, ph; AM!), late.
- CURLEW SANDPIPER:** MNWR 13-14 May (TSh, ph; mob).
- Sanderling:** arr & max 5 T Canandaigua ONTA 6 May; 5 MNWR 27 May.
- Dunlin:** arr MNWR 7 Apr; max 800 MNWR 27 May.
- BAIRD'S SANDPIPER:** MNWR 29 May (AM!, KR!, ph).
- Least Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 26 Apr; max 500 MNWR 19 May.
- White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 12 May; max 16 MNWR 27 May.
- Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr 4 MNWR 20 Mar (DWh!), early; max 75 MNWR 7 Apr; last 2 MNWR 23 May.
- Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 12 May; max 300 MNWR 27 May.
- Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr MNWR 14 May; max 72 GLP SENE 19 May.
- Long-billed Dowitcher:** MNWR 18 May (DK!, ph).
- American Woodcock:** arr T Hector SCHU 2 Mar; max 16 Caswell Road Grasslands TOMP 2 May.
- Wilson's Snipe:** arr BL 13 Mar; max Hanshaw Road Fields TOMP 1 Apr.
- Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Champlin Beach STEU 11 Apr, max 8 SLSP 14 May; 8 Horseheads Marsh CHEM 18 May; 8 GLP 20 May.
- Solitary Sandpiper:** arr MNWR 11 Apr; max 8 MNWR 13 May.
- Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 2 MNWR 20 Mar (KM!), early; max 70 MNWR 12 May.
- Greater Yellowlegs:** arr T Montezuma CAYU 19 Mar; max 60 MNWR 1 May.
- Wilson's Phalarope:** arr MNWR 12 May; max 3 MNWR 15-19 May.
- Red-necked Phalarope:** LRPF 19 May (JeCo, ph; MK; MGu, ph).
- Bonaparte's Gull:** arr Elmira Dam CHEM 11 Mar; max 3000 Cayuga L SENE 17 Apr (JSk!), high.
- Little Gull:** arr GLP SENE 16 Apr; last CLSP 14 May.
- Iceland Gull:** max 6 SRCP 3 Mar; last SRCP 16 Apr.
- Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 14 StP 28 Mar; last 3 MyPt 22 May.
- Herring x Lesser Black-backed Gull (hybrid):** SLSP 5 Mar; 2 SRCP 9-11 Mar; BL 11-15 Mar.
- Glaucous Gull:** max 4 CP 5 Mar (TLe), high; last Geneva Country Club SENE 1 Apr.
- Caspian Tern:** arr 2 MNWR 5 Apr; max 50 MNWR 26 Apr.
- Black Tern:** arr 10 MNWR 24 Apr; max 60 MNWR 14 May.
- Common Tern:** arr MNWR 12 Apr; max 24 Main Street Overlook SENE 4 May; 24 Lake Road Bluff CAYU 20 May.
- Forster's Tern:** arr TSMP 7 Apr (DN, ph), early; max & last 3 GLP SENE 19 May.
- Red-throated Loon:** arr Canandaigua L YATE 16 Mar; max 32 Owasco L CAYU 16 Apr (AEZ!), high.
- American White Pelican:** 2 MNWR 30 Apr (VZ, ph; SSBC).
- American Bittern:** arr MNWR 13 Apr; Hanley Biological Field Pres SENE 13 Apr; max 2 MNWR 30 Apr; 2 TLan 2 May; 2 MNWR 11-13 May.
- Least Bittern:** arr BL 1 May, nocturnal; max 2 MNWR 13 May.
- Great Blue Heron:** max 245 MNWR 1 May (MT!), high.
- Great Egret:** arr MNWR 2 Apr; max 7 MNWR 16 Apr.
- Snowy Egret:** arr MNWR 16 Apr (BWF!), early; max 2 MNWR 16 Apr (RSt!), high.
- Cattle Egret:** Great Gully Pd CAYU 19 May (DS!).
- Green Heron:** arr MNWR 14 Apr; max 4 HSRW 3 May; 4 Horseheads Marsh 18 May.
- Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr MNWR 26 Apr; max 36 MNWR 13 May.
- Glossy Ibis:** arr 3 MNWR 26 Apr; max 7 MNWR 9 May.
- Black Vulture:** arr T Erwin STEU 5 Mar.

**Osprey:** arr One Franklin Square ONTA 16 Mar; max 14 MNWR 6 Apr.

**Golden Eagle:** max 3 BL 4 Mar; 3 LS 6 Mar; 3 T Ithaca TOMP 11 Mar; last Andrew Farm East TOMP 13 Apr.

**Northern Goshawk:** MR 2 Mar (CW!).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr TVE 11 Apr; 93 LS 24 Apr (ST!), high.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** last T Tuscarora STEU 24.

**Snowy Owl:** last TSer 16 Apr.

**Short-eared Owl:** max 6 T Phelps ONTA 8 Apr; last 2 T Milo YATE 12 Apr.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** TDry 2 Mar; T Catharine SCHU 6 Mar; MR 11 Mar & 1 Apr; T Catlin CHEM 15 Mar.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** arr Wilderness House TOMP 20 Mar (RB), early; max 2 TSF 14-23 May.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** max 12 NEI 4 Mar (KR), high.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** max 30 Hammond

Hill State Forest TOMP 15 Apr (JM!), high.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** max 5 Fuertes Bird Sanctuary TOMP 13 Apr (CD), high.

**Peregrine Falcon:** max 6 TFSP 7-30 May (WB!, RM!), high.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr SW 26 Apr; Hobart & William Smith Colleges 26 Apr; max 13 OLI TOMP 29 May (RR), high.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr TFSP 15 Apr; max 10 MNWR 18 May.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr DSF 15 May.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr 2 T Thurston STEU 8 May; max 10 DSF 30 May; 10 SW 31 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr NEI 15 May; max 2 HO 21 May.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr SHSF 15 May; max 2 AF SCHU 29 May.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr T Hornellsville STEU 11 May; max 8 Dotson Community P TOMP 29 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr MyPt 9 May; max 12 OLI 21 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr TSMP 25 Apr; Rockwell Azalea Garden TOMP 25 Apr; max 6 HO 13 May; 6 DSF 14 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Chesterton House TOMP 6 Mar; max 8 StP 3 Apr; 8 SW 1 May.

**White-eyed Vireo:** TCar 9 May (Tom Auer, ph, rec).

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr TVE 13 Apr; TDry 13 Apr; max 12 TVE 3 May; 12 SHSF.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr MNWR 26 Apr; max 4 HO 3 May; 4 TTyr 10 & 22 May.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr Casa delle Streghe SENE 12 May; max 2 VanRiper Conservation Area SENE 14 May; last OLI 29 May; SLSP 29 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr MNWR 25 Apr; BL 25 Apr; TSMP 25 Apr; TFSP 25 Apr; Kinsella P STEU 25 Apr; Ithaca Res TOMP 25 Apr; TLan 25 Apr; max 15 SPNA 24 May; 15 SLSP 25 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr BL 25 Apr; max 31 SHSF 29 May.

**Northern Shrike:** last Steam Mill Fen TOMP 2 Apr.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 20 Ithaca College Natural Lands TOMP 5 Mar (KC); 20 T Hector SCHU 2 May (LySt), high.

**Bank Swallow:** arr MNWR 17 Apr; max 80 MNWR 24 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr MyPt 15 Mar; max 4000 MNWR 16 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Kashong Conservation Area ONTA 6 Apr; max 50 TFSP 14 May.

**Purple Martin:** arr MNWR 12 Apr; max 60 MNWR 24 Apr.

**Barn Swallow:** arr StP 3 Apr; max 150 Canandaigua Water Pumping Station ONTA 27 Apr.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr MNWR 16 Apr; max Woodville Boat Launch ONTA 27 May.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr T Ledyard CAYU 18 Mar; max 26 LPBP 23 Apr. last Wegmans Canal Area TOMP 30 May.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** max 16 Bonavista SP Golf Course 29 Mar (RSt), high.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr StP 13 Apr; max 8 SPNA 1 May.

**House Wren:** arr 2 T Jerusalem YATE 6 Apr; max 14 SW 5 May.

**Winter Wren:** max 9 SHSF 29 May (RN), high.

**PHOTO GALLERY**  
**Spring 2022**



Swallow-tailed Kite, Spook Hill Road, Dutchess, 5 May 2022, © Eileen Stickle.



Mottled Duck, Ketcham's Creek Freshwater Wetland, *Suffolk*, here 14 Apr 2022, © Ernst Mutchnick, first New York State record; see details in Highlights and Region 10 report.



Ruff, Somerset, *Niagara*, here 1 May 2022, © Joel Strong.



Cinnamon Teal, Groveland Flats, *Livingston*, here 29 Mar 2022, © John Gordinier.



Zone-tailed Hawk, Green-Wood Cemetery, *Kings*, 2 Apr 2022, © Seth Barr, first documented New York State record.



Arctic Terns, part of an unprecedented inland incursion in the Northeast 13 May 2022. Left, Glenmere Lake, *Orange*, © Jeanne Cimorelli; right, Basic Creek Reservoir, *Albany*, © Naomi Lloyd. See Highlights and the Region 8, 9, and 10 reports for details.



Figure 1. Osprey nest box built on a double-armed utility pole in Cayuga Lake, Union Springs, NY. The double arms lend critical nest stability. © Candace Cornell. See article, pp. 210-220.



Birdsong Meadows Farm, Candor, *Tioga*, © Adam Troyer. Cows are rotationally grazed, benefitting both cows and grassland birds. See Patch Birding article pp. 224-227.

**Sedge Wren:** Hog Hole TOMP 29 Apr – 1 May (SBi,ph; BW, rec; mob).

**Marsh Wren:** arr MNWR 16 Apr; max 27 MNWR 13 May.

**Gray Catbird:** arr Newman Municipal Golf Course TOMP 16 Mar (BBS), early; max 35 Dryden L TOMP 13 May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr T Hornby STEU 14 Mar (KMa!), early; max 7 LPBP 15 May.

**Eastern Bluebird:** max 20 McJannet P ONTA 4 Mar (CR), high.

**Veery:** arr TCar 26 Apr; T Potter YATE 26 Apr; max 26 SHSF 29 May (RN), high.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** arr SW 16 May; max & last 2 Hi Tor WMA YATE 27 May.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr T Danby TOMP 7 May; LPBP 7 May; max 26 BL 14 May, nocturnal.

**Hermit Thrush:** arr TLan 4 Mar; max 11 Camp Dittmer ONTA 6 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr SSP 28 Apr; max 82 TCar 4 May (JGe), high.

**House Finch:** max 48 TOV 12 Mar (RSt), high.

**Purple Finch:** max 62 MR 12 Mar (JeBa, CW!), high.

**Common Redpoll:** last TSen 14 Apr.

**Red Crossbill:** max 28 PHSF 22 May; last 2 PHSF 29 May (TSc!), late.

**White-winged Crossbill:** T Italy YATE 2 Apr (LyDo!).

**Pine Siskin:** max 8 T Orange SCHU 2 Mar.

**Lapland Longspur:** max 8 Finger Lakes Regional Airport SENE 13 Mar; last LTFay 14 Apr.

**Snow Bunting:** max 500 TSen 13 Mar; last MNWR 15 Mar.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr BL 24 Apr, nocturnal; max 4 TOv 22 May.

**Chipping Sparrow:** arr TSF 31 Mar; max 19 F R Newman Arboretum TOMP.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr 2 Finger Lakes National Forest SENE 14 May; max 3 T Lodi SENE 18 May (TLe!, RSt), high.

**Field Sparrow:** arr BL 19 Mar; LPBP 19 Mar.

**Fox Sparrow:** max 10 MR 29 Mar.

**American Tree Sparrow:** max 18 TOV 1 Mar; last Etna Fringed Gentian Area TOMP 1 May.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** arr TSen 5 Apr; max 12 Ithaca Farmers Market TOMP 3 May; last LPBP 21 May.

**Vesper Sparrow:** arr TOv 3 Apr; 3 SW 3 Apr; max 8 TDry 18 Apr.

**Savannah Sparrow:** arr 4 TTyr 29 Mar; max 14 LTFay 27 May.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr MNWR 30 Apr; last MNWR 15 May; HO 15 May.

**Eastern Towhee:** arr T Venice CAYU 14 Mar; max 11 SSP 23 Apr.

**Bobolink:** arr TCar 30 Apr; max 30 Lott Farm SENE 23 May.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr LPBP 6 Mar; max 16 TDry 14 Mar.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr MyPt 26 Apr; max SPNA 12 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr TSen 24 Apr; TOv 24 Apr; max 11 SW 16 May.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr MR 2 Mar; max 80 SW 26 Apr; last MR 12 May.

**Ovenbird:** arr 2 T Erwin STEU 25 Apr; max 27 SHSF 29 May.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** arr T Danby TOMP 5 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr 2 Ithaca 8 Apr; max 5 Mulholland Wildflower Pres TOMP 29 May.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr SW 20 Apr; max 6 SW 29 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** MNWR 14 May (StRo; mob, ph); MR 16 May (JeBa, CW!); TTyr 21 May (CW!).

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr TDry 30 Apr; max 14 LPBP 15 May.

**"Brewster's" Warbler (hybrid):** Ontario Pathways ONTA 10 May (LB, Robert Crandall!).

**"Lawrence's" Warbler (hybrid):** NEI 10 May (TSc!); TDry 17 May (JM, ph).

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr Dorothy McIlroy Bird Sanctuary 23 Apr; max 7 LPBP 14 May.

**Prothonotary Warbler:** MNWR 6 May; max 2 MNWR 14-21 May.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr MNWR 3 May; max 13 Gleason Meadows CHEM 13 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** MR 2 May; Big Flats Trail CHEM 13 May.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr StP 24 Apr; max 7 Palmer Woods TOMP 4 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr T Cayuta SCHU 10 May; SW 10 May; max 4 PHSF 28 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr HO 25 Apr; Cornell Botanic Gardens TOMP 25 Apr; Durland Pres 25 Apr; max 41 DSF 15 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Atwater Meadows P  
ONTA 25 Apr (KGa, ph), early; max 8 Finger  
Lakes Trail TOMP 21 May.

**American Redstart:** arr MNWR 16 Apr  
(KWh!), early; max 33 DSF 15 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr VanRiper  
Conservation Area SENE 26 Apr (DK, ph);  
MNWR 26 Apr (MGu, ph), early; max 13 BL  
15 May, nocturnal.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr MNWR 7 May; max 6  
MNWR 21 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr Atwater Meadows P  
ONTA 26 Apr; max 6 BL 15 May, nocturnal; 6  
Lakeland Apartments TOMP 16 May,  
nocturnal.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr TCar 1 May; max 10  
TVE 16 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr SW 3 May; max  
12 CLSP 14 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr Smith Woods  
TOMP 29 Apr; Roy H P Pre TOMP 29 Apr;  
TDry 29 Apr; max 15 DSF 30 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr SSP 23 Apr; max 30  
SPNA 12 May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr MNWR 27 Apr;  
max 42 AF TOMP 21 May (SBI, BW!), high.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr TVE 4 May; max 8  
StP 19 May; 8 SLSP 21 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr SW 24  
Apr; max 21 SHSF 29 May (RN), high.

**Palm Warbler:** arr Ridgeway Road Rail Trail  
TOMP 12 Apr; T Ulysses TOMP 12 Apr; max  
15 StP 26 Apr; last MNWR 22 May.

**Pine Warbler:** arr T Hornby STU 5 Apr;  
Genung Nature Pres TOMP 5 Apr; TDry 5  
Apr; max 6 Connecticut Hill WMA TOMP 24  
Apr; 6 TVE 2 May.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** arr SW 5 Apr; max  
60 TOV SENE 6 May.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr TCar 25 Apr (Tom  
Auer), early; max 10 LPBP 11 May.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr  
Mulholland Wildflower Pres TOMP 24 Apr;  
Sweedler-Lick Brook Pres TOMP 24 Apr; F R  
Newman Arboretum TOMP 24 Apr; max 14  
Connecticut Hill WMA SCHU 9 May.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Ithaca 5 May; max 9  
SHSF 22 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr StP 4 May; last DSF 30  
May.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr CLSP 3 May; SHSF 3  
May; max 15 DSF 14 May.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Cornell  
University 11 Apr (TH!), early; max 14 TVE  
11-16 May; 14 DSF 14 May.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr T Groton TOMP 25 Apr;  
max 12 AF TOMP 21 May (SBI, BW), high.

**Dickcissel:** TDry 30 Apr (CTH, ph; DTH);  
Ithaca Tompkins Airport TOMP 14 May (JM!).

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## REGION 4—SUSQUEHANNA

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Weather data obtained from the Binghamton Station showed a high of 69° F on 18 March and a low of 7° on 4 March. The average temperature for the month of March was 34.9° which was 2.6° above normal. March precipitation was 3.83" which was 0.78" above normal. The high temperature for the month of April was 77° on 24 April and the low was 23° on 18 April. The average temperature for the month of April was 43.5° which was 1.1° below normal. April precipitation was 4.52" which was 0.89" above normal. The high temperature for the month of May was 86° on 31 May and the low was 33° on 1 May. The average temperature for the month of May was 59.3° which was 2.1° above normal. May precipitation was 3.22" which was 0.56" below normal.

As is the norm for this period, waterfowl were well represented with some very good records reported. Two Ross's Geese were reported in a passing flock of Snow

Geese from Hickories Park near Owego on 5 March. Greater White-fronted Goose was reported from two locations in March. A single Trumpeter Swan was reported on Boland Pond from 21 March until 21 May and a group of three spent from 5 March until 2 April in Deposit. A single Eurasian Wigeon was reported from Upper Lisle County Park on 19 March, but the waterfowl sighting of the period was a **Barnacle Goose** reported and photographed in Sherburne on 3 March. Other waterbird highlights include a very large fallout of loons on the Otselic River as reported from Lisle Park on 16 April when an incredible 69 Red-throated Loons and 227 Common Loons were present after an overnight storm. A count of six Red-necked Grebes at Lake Front Park on Otsego County on 8 April was a good number for this species.

Nightjar numbers were disappointingly low. Only one report of Eastern Whip-poor-will was recorded in the Region, and there were fewer than a dozen reports of Common Nighthawk, most of only a single bird; however, a report of 40 in flight over a farm in Canton on 21 May was encouraging. The declining numbers of these species is of great concern. On a good note it seems that Sandhill Crane continues to nest in Chenango County and appears to possibly be expanding there. During the period fifteen species of shorebirds were reported including a Wilson's Phalarope in Harford on 21 May. A Little Gull reported in Binghamton on 9 April was a very good find.

Other notable sightings for the period include a Short-eared Owl spotted and photographed in Cortland on 11 April. Spring reports of both Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, and especially, Philadelphia Vireo are nice to see. A definitive audio recording of an Acadian Flycatcher is a record of note. The author has been birding Delaware County for the past eight years, and while terrific habitat exists for this species in the county, I have yet to record it there.

After a nice showing of Red Crossbills in the Region this past winter, breeding was confirmed in over a dozen blocks this spring. A Kentucky Warbler found at Beaver Meadow State Forest in Chenango County between 22-30 May is an unexpected rarity. Last but not least was Summer Tanager reported from Walton on 20 May.

While there are many candidates to choose from, my pick for bird of the period goes to the **Barnacle Goose** found by Michael DeWispelaere in Sherburne.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**BMF** – Birdsong Meadows Farm, Candor, TIOG; **BPd** – Boland Pd, BROO; **BUNP** – Binghamton University Nature Pres, BROO; **CanL** – Canadarago L, OTSE; **CannR** – Cannonsville Res, DELA; **CG** – Carantouan Greenway, T Barton, TIOG; **CGP** – Cortland Gravel Pits, CORT; **ChenL** – Chenango L, T New Berlin, CHEN; **Cortland**, CORT; **CRes** – Cannonsville Res & outflow, DELA; **CVSP** – Chenango Valley SP, T Fenton, BROO; **DorP** – Dorchester P, Whitney Pt, BROO; **Endwell** – BROO; **Harford** – CORT; **LHNC** – Lime Hollow Nature Center, T Cortlandville, CORT; **Lisle P** – BROO; **MHL** – Michigan Hollow L, TIOG; **OtsL** – Otsego L, OTSE; **Pres** – Pepacton Res & outflow, DELA; **Sherburne** – CHEN; **StPd** – Stupke Pd, T Cortlandville, CORT; **ULCP** – Upper Lisle CP, T Triangle, BROO.

**Snow Goose:** 7500 ULCP 5 Mar (DN); 860 Hickories P TIOG 5 Mar (CWo); 700 Oxford CHEN 7 Mar (MD); 1000 Greene CHEN 7 Mar (MD).

**Ross's Goose:** 2 Hickories P TIOG 5 Mar (CWo).

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** 1 Michigan Hill SF TIOG 5 Mar (CWo); 1 StPd 8-17 Mar (mob).

**Brant:** 147 ULCP 19 May (DN,AT).

**BARNACLE GOOSE:** Sherburne CHEN 3 Mar (MD).

**Cackling Goose:** 6 Hickories P 5 Mar (CWo); 6 migr over BMF 5 Mar (ATr); 5 Nichols Boat Launch TIOG 5 Mar (CWo); Summit L OTSE 21 Mar (PF).

**Canada Goose:** 50,000 migr over BMF 5 Mar (ATr)

**Mute Swan:** ULCP 16 Mar (DN).

**Trumpeter Swan:** 2 over BMF 5 Mar (ATr); 3 CRes 5 Mar - 2 Apr (LV,RP,JBr,SCa); BPd 21 Mar - 21 May (mob).

**Tundra Swan:** 4 Dirty Bird Ranch TIOG 2 Mar (JCor); 5 over BMF 5 Mar (ATr); 41 ULCP 13 Mar (DN,JH).

**Wood Duck:** many reports throughout entire Region.

**Blue-winged Teal:** 8 BPd 13 Apr (DW); 9 Endwell 14 Apr (CWi,PS); 6 Brick Pd Wetland Pres TIOG 4 May (DG).

**Northern Shoveler:** 6 Endwell 3 Mar (SK); 4 Yaman P CORT 6 Mar (CWo); 5 StPd 16 Mar (LC,DG).

**Gadwall:** 6 BPd 3 Mar (MR); 6 Harold Moore P 8 Mar BROO (GW); 9 StPd 14 Mar (JM); 5 ULCP 19 Mar (DN).

**Eurasian Wigeon:** ULCP 19 Mar (DN).

**American Wigeon:** 10 BPd 3 Mar (MR); 32 Nichols TIOG 5 Mar (DG); 16 StPd 14 Mar (JM).

**American Black Duck:** 40 BPd 5 Mar (GW); 38 ULCP 19 Mar (SD); 78 CRes 20 Mar (LV).

**Northern Pintail:** 11 StPd 2 Mar (DG); 30 BPd 3 Mar. (MR); 200 Endwell 3 Mar (JH); 117 Nichols TIOG 5 Mar (DG); 12 Springfield Ctr OTSE 21 Mar (PF).

**Green-winged Teal:** 14 Deposit DELA 20 Mar (LV); 17 Endwell BROO 3 Apr (DN); 15 Sherburne 6 Apr (MD).

**Canvasback:** 6 Region max StPd 20 Mar (JM); reports of single bird(s) in Binghamton area in Mar.

**Redhead:** 40 Region max StPd 8 Mar (JM); scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**Ring-necked Duck:** 100 StPd 11 Mar (JK); 123 CRes 20 Mar (LV); 117 ULCP 26 Mar (DN).

**Greater Scaup:** 16 Endwell 12 Mar (DN); 8 ULCP 23 Mar (DN).

**Lesser Scaup:** 13 StPd 15 Mar (CWo); 55 ULCP 8 Apr (DN); other scattered reports throughout Region.

**White-winged Scoter:** 6 CGP 19 Apr (JM, JCol); 8 ULCP 19 May (DN).

**Long-tailed Duck:** 38 Lisle P 1 Apr (DN); 40 OtsL 8 Apr (JCol); 28 Long Pd SF CHEN 8 Apr (MD).

**Bufflehead:** 75 ULCP 19 Mar (DN); 87 PRES 9 Apr (LV); other reports throughout Region.

**Common Goldeneye:** scattered reports throughout Region.

**Hooded Merganser:** many reports throughout Region.

**Common Merganser:** many reports throughout Region.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 5 CannR 9 Apr (LV), Region max. Reported in all counties.

**Ruddy Duck:** 4 Region max DorP 6 May (AT); reports of single birds in TIOG and CHEN counties.

**Ruffed Grouse:** many reports throughout entire Region.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** 2 Afton CHEN 16 & 24 May (MD); other records of single birds in Region.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** 3 Brick Pd Wetland Pres TIOG 4 Apr (DM); 3 Aquaterra P BROO 15 Apr (DW); 3 ULCP 22 Apr (DN); 3 Willet CORT 23 Apr (VL).

**Horned Grebe:** 6 ULCP 8 Apr (DN); other scattered reports throughout Region.

**Red-necked Grebe:** Otsego L 22 Mar (PF,CS); 6 Lake Front P OTSE 8 Apr (JCol); Long Pd SF CHEN 9 Apr (MD).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** scattered reports in BROO,CHEN,CORT and TIOG counties.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** scattered reports in BROO,DELA,CORT,OTSE and TIOG counties, inc 27 in night flight over BMF 28 May (ATr).

**Common Nighthawk:** 5 Vestal BROO 19 May (FT); 40 over BMF 21 May (ATr); 3 Sidney DELA 22 May (RS).

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** Middlefield OTSE 12 May (RW).

**Virginia Rail:** scattered reports in BROO,CHEN,CORT,OTSE and TIOG counties.

**Sora:** scattered reports in BROO,CHEN,OTSE and TIOG counties.

**Common Gallinule:** 8 Region max Sherburne Marsh CHEN 23 May (MD,JS); also reports of single birds in BROO, OTSE and Tioga counties.

**American Coot:** 40 Region max OtsL 9 Apr. (JW); reports of 1-2 individuals in CORT,BROO & TIOG counties.

**Sandhill Crane:** 2 Sherburne 6 Apr - 30 May (MD & others), likely breeding pair.; 7 County Rd 18 (CHEN) 15 Apr (MZ), a pair also present at this location on 18 May and behavior suggests breeding at this location as well. It appears this species is becoming an expanding, and consistent, breeder in Chenago County.

**Black-bellied Plover:** 2 ULCP 19 May (DN).

**Semipalmated Plover:** 3 Sherburne 17 May (JCol,BW); 6 Deposit 28 May (LV); other reports of 1-2 individuals in BROO, CORT & OTSE counties.

**Dunlin:** 2 Sherburne 19 May (MD); Deposit 28 May (LV); Harford CORT 28 May (JCol).

**Least Sandpiper:** 25 max Sherburne 14 May (MD); 75 Region max 19 May (DN); 30 max 24 May Harford (RN).

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** Harford 26 May (CW,MI,ADo,GVH); 4 max Sherburne 28 May (JCol).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** 2 Deposit 4 Apr (LV); ULCP 26 & 31 Apr (DN,GW,VL,DW,MR).

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** 14 Region max Harford 28 May (JCol); a few reports of 1-2 birds in BROO & CHEN counties.

**Wilson's Snipe:** scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**Wilson's Phalarope:** Harford 21 May (JCol,mob).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** 6 Endwell 30 Apr (DN); 10 Murphy Pits BROO 2 May (DW); 6 ULCP 24 May (RM).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** 7 Endwell 6 May (DN); 7 Murphy Pits BROO 9 May (DW).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** 4 Endwell 30 Apr (JW); 4 Sherburne 18 May (MD).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** scattered reports throughout Region.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 210 OtsL 8 Apr (JC); 70 Lisle P 16 Apr (JH); 74 ULCP 23 Apr (DN).

**Little Gull:** Binghamton BROO 9 Apr (VL,DW).

**Ring-billed Gull:** many records throughout entire Region.

**Herring Gull:** scattered records in all counties in Region.

**Iceland Gull:** 2 CGP 19 Apr (JM,JC).

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 2 over BMF 19 Mar (ATr); 4 Song L CORT 23 Mar (CW); 6 Route 281 CORT 16 Apr (KT); 48 CGP 19 Apr (JM,JC).

**Great Black-backed Gull:** StPd 6 Mar (CW,LC); Cheri A. Lindsey P BROO 6 Mar (SR,RD); Lisle P 27 Mar (DN); CGP 14 Apr (JC).

**Caspian Tern:** 2 Lisle P 4 May (DN,GW); 6 ChenL 19 May (MD).

**Black Tern:** DorP 22 May (AT).

**Common Tern:** ULCP 26 Apr.(GW); 5 Otselic Ri BROO 4 May (DW); 2 Lisle P 6 May (AT).

**Forster's Tern:** 2 Lisle P 4 May (DN,DW).

**Red-throated Loon:** 69 Lisle P 16 Apr (DN); 4 CannR 17 Apr (LV).

**Common Loon:** 227 Lisle P 16 Apr (DN); scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 215 Lisle P 14 Apr (DN); scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**American Bittern:** ULCP 3 Apr (DN); BUNP 16 Apr (MS); ULCP 22 Apr (GS,BS); CVSP 1 May (SD); Finch Hollow Nature Ctr BROO 10 May (SD); Hartwell Pd TIOG 13 May (DG); Lockwood TIOG 13 May (IW).

**Least Bittern:** ULCP 29 Apr - 2 May (DN,JH,DW); 2 site max Sherburne 17 May (JCol,BW).

**Great Egret:** CG 6 Apr. (MB); Cortland 7 May (KS); Edmeston OTSE 23 May (MC).

**Green Heron:** reported throughout entire Region.

**Black Vulture:** scattered reports of 1-2 individuals in BROO, DELA, OTSE & TIOG counties.

**Golden Eagle:** scattered reports of single birds in DELA, OTSE & TIOG counties; 2 over BMF 6 Mar (ATr).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** scattered reports of 1-2 individuals throughout Region.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** 3 CVSP 30 May (RA,MM); other scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**Great Horned Owl:** reported throughout Region.

**Short-eared Owl:** Cortland 11 Apr. (JCol).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** MHL 14 Apr. (SCo); Hancock DELA 23 Apr. (Ada); Sherburne 16 May (DM,FvM).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** 2 Sherburne 22 May (MD).

**Merlin:** many reports throughout entire Region.

**Peregrine Falcon:** 2 Binghamton 8 Mar.(DN); scattered records of single birds in BROO, CHEN, OTSE & TIOG counties.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** High Vista Pres CORT 29 May (PH).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** Pharsalia WMA CHEN 18 May (DN); ULCP 19 May (DN); Afton CHEN 21 May (PM); Glimmerglass SP OTSE 31 May (JF,PF).

**Acadian Flycatcher:** Maple Grove OTSE 21 May (LG), confirmed by audio recording.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** Sherburne 18 May (MD); 2 ULCP 19 May (DN); Candor TIOG 22 May (CWo); LHNC 24 May (CH).

**Northern Shrike:** Milford OTSE 16 Mar (AK).

**Fish Crow:** reported in all counties but most records from the Nichols/Binghamton area along Susquehanna River.

**Horned Lark:** 90 Earlville CHEN 1 Mar (MD); 40 Harford 5 Mar (CWo).

**Purple Martin:** 6 Murphy Pits BROO 9 May (DW); 2 Cherry Valley OTSE 29 May (QS).

**Marsh Wren:** 3 BPd 14 May (DN); 3 Sherburne 18-29 May (mob); 3 CanL 25 May (TS,JAS).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** BUNP 21 May (LM); Johnson City BROO 25 May (DN).

**Swainson's Thrush:** scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**American Pipit:** 6 Binghamton 9 Mar (GW,SK); a few other scattered reports in Region.

**Common Redpoll:** 4 Spencer L TIOG 5 Mar (CWo); 3 Cortland 12 Mar (GC); 12 site max New Lisbon (OTSE) 28 Mar (LR).

**Red Crossbill:** 66 Region max Arctic SF DELA 30 May (LV); a very good year for this species as there were many reports in all counties in the Region, with breeding confirmed in over a dozen Atlas blocks.

**White-winged Crossbill:** Afton CHEN 9 Mar (MD).

**Pine Siskin:** reports of small numbers of this species in all counties in Region.

**Snow Bunting:** 7 Binghamton 10 Mar (MR); four other records of single birds in BROO & CORT counties. Absent in the rest of the Region.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** MHL 16 May (SCo); Harford 21 May (CWo); MHL 29 May (SCo).

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 5 Otsego 9 May (LL); 7 Binghamton 10 May (SK); 6 Vestal 7 May (SO).

**Vesper Sparrow:** 3 Barker BROO 17 Apr (JW); a few scattered reports of single birds in CHEN, DELA, BROO & TIOG counties.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** Chenango 12 May (MD,FVM).

**Eastern Meadowlark:** 9 Delancy DELA 13 Mar. (LV); 8 MHL 19 Mar. (CWo,JBa); 8 Lockwood TIOG 8 May (IW).

**Orchard Oriole:** 3 Lockheed Martin Pd TIOG14 May (DG); scattered reports of single birds in BROO, CHEN & CORT counties.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** LHNC 7 May (TB).

**Mourning Warbler:** reported in all counties.

**Kentucky Warbler:** Beaver Meadow SF CHEN 22-30 May (mob).

**Hooded Warbler:** reported in all counties.

**Cape May Warbler:** scattered reports throughout Region.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** scattered reports in all counties in Region.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** many reports from all counties in Region.

**SUMMER TANAGER (R4):** Walton DELA 20 May (HS) - the author reviewed pictures of this bird and it appeared to be a 1st summer male.

**Dickcissel:** Harford 22 May (CWo).

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## REGION 5—ONEIDA LAKE BASIN

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Spring 2022 continued the theme of 'warmer' established in February with an average maximum of 46.8 °F for March, 4.4° above normal. Average low of 27.2° was 2° higher than usual and four fewer days dropped below freezing. Rainfall was 0.5" below normal while snowfall was 3.9" below at 15.9". The snow season finished at 76", 52" short of expected and sixth lowest since 1948. Cloudy days numbered 21. April temperatures were very typical with a 55.8° average maximum and 35.7° minimum. Rain was also typical at 3.64" and 13 days were partly-sunny or better. May came in 4.5° warmer than usual with an average maximum of 73.7° and the overnights 2° above at 49.2°. The month featured a fair amount of south-component winds and only 11 cloudy days. At 1.8", precipitation was just over half the normal value. No prolonged blocking patterns were noted.

A massive Snow Goose concentration in the Seneca River floodlands just west of the Region began migrating in earnest during the second week of March, with good numbers passing Derby Hill and peaking at 28,700 birds over Pulaski on the 11<sup>th</sup>. Amidst a big flight on the 16<sup>th</sup> Matt Brown picked out a **Ross's Goose** from the Pine Grove Road boat launch at Selkirk Shores. Santos and Jamie Rodriguez found a **Greater White-fronted Goose** near Brewerton on 6 March while David Wheeler found three at the Maiden Lane/Towpath Road fields north of Port Byron on the 11<sup>th</sup> amidst a good season at the spot. Derby Hill enjoyed excellent Brant numbers in late May with 2000 noted on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Cackling Geese were noted from various locations associating with groups of Canada Geese. Wood Ducks arrived quickly with 177 counted at Selkirk on 6 March, early for such a big number. Jacob Hewitt found a Eurasian Wigeon at Helmer Marsh on 14 March, while Brown found one at Sandy

Pond on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The bird was seen off and on through 5 April. Webster Pond in Syracuse hosts domestic ducks and geese but also wild birds. A Cackling Goose there was seen by many and Jay McGowan found a very unusual Wood Duck x Mallard hybrid. Northern Pintail spilled over from the Montezuma mucklands to the Loop Road unit just inside the Region, with 1000 estimated there on 10 March. The Gerber Topsoil spot in eastern Onondaga County yielded an excellent count of 210 Green-winged Teal on 21 March for Scott Peterson. The early spring diving-duck scene is largely a continuation of winter in our Region, with increasing numbers and movement happening by early April. Oneida Lake at Constantia hosted an impressive 400 Bufflehead on 20 April, while Onondaga Lake produced three Surf Scoter for Bryan Rutledge and Martin Mau on the 12<sup>th</sup>. A Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser hybrid was found on the Oneida River by David Wheeler on 15 March. Otherwise, numbers were typical for the Region.

Common Nighthawks again graced the skies over Derby Hill with 130 counted on 20 May. Eastern Whip-poor-will was reported from the usual locations plus a migrant found by Santos and Jamie Rodriguez across from Nottingham High School in Syracuse on 2 May. Gary Lee reported that 60 Ruby-throated Hummingbirds were banded on 29 May at Stillwater. One had been previously banded there in August 2014, at that time an after-hatch-year bird, thus making it at least nine years old and a potential longevity record for the species. Consider the number of migratory-roundtrips to Central America this bird must have completed!

Sandhill Cranes were seen at the usual locations with 17 passing Derby Hill on 5 April. Upland Sandpipers were (again) not reported from the traditional airport/landfill location in Fulton where, in the past, they have been conspicuous in late April and May. Piping Plovers again returned to Sandy Pond with five reported there in mid-May. No great Whimbrel flight was seen on Oneida Lake but David Wheeler observed four at Fair Haven while lakewatching on the 28<sup>th</sup>. The day also produced 40 Ruddy Turnstones. The season's only Red Knot report came from Sandy Pond where three were seen by Claire Nellis on 31 May. Sanderlings showed at Sandy Pond and Fair Haven in late May. The first Dunlin was reported by Gregg Dashnau on 4 April near Cato while Matt Brown counted 94 at Sandy Pond on 19 May and Wheeler saw 136 going by Fair Haven. An excellent day for shorebirds everywhere, Brown added 72 Short-billed Dowitchers at Sandy where low water levels in the Pond allowed for more shorebird habitat than usual. Marge Rusk's records for the Region showed this to be a new maximum, the prior highs being 60 at the Biddlecum Road floodlands on 15 May 1987 and 55 at Sandy Pond on 13 May 1979. The editor was surprised to discover that the best counts for the Region were mostly from Spring rather than Fall. Aside for one huge year (Fall 2006) with several hundred birds, a count of 72 would even be a maximum for Montezuma. The Gerber Topsoil mudflat produced a **Long-billed Dowitcher** on 23 April for Scott Peterson. The species is much rarer in Spring migration than Fall, the bulk of its numbers using the 'Central Flyway' and points west to reach breeding grounds centered around the north shore of Alaska. Birds wintering in the southeastern US and (in small numbers) up the Atlantic coast are likely the source of the Region's Spring records.

Bonaparte's Gull was reported from the usual locations, with excellent counts of 293 from Skaneateles Lake by David Dubois and Ken Burdick and 420 by Bill Purcell

on Oneida Lake. David Wheeler photographed an adult **Laughing Gull** passing Fair Haven on 23 May. At the Ditch Bank Road farm operation in Madison County, Wheeler found 22 Lesser Black-backed Gulls (all but one were adults) on 26 March, a new Regional maximum, amidst approximately 2000 gulls split roughly equally between Herring and Ring-billed. Outside the corn-growing season, the spot hosts large numbers of birds due to constant spreading of waste milk products from a tank tractor that keeps the field in a plowed state with deep ruts and standing water. Wheeler notes that on north or west winds the sour-milk smell often lingers on clothing as a reminder of one of the Region's most unusual birding experiences. Other gull highlights include a recurring Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (also known as 'Great Lakes Gull') at Selkirk Shores State Park found by Matt Brown on 10 March. Glaucous Gull was scarce with only three birds noted, up to 12 March. Iceland Gull counts were also disappointing. Low water at Sandy Pond provided loafing area for 328 Caspian Terns on 3 May, with good numbers noted by Matt Brown to the end of the period. Drew Weber found two Forster's Terns at Onondaga Lake, always a tough species especially in Spring.

Red-throated Loon was poorly represented with a max of only two birds on 17 April from Skaneateles and Onondaga Lakes, normally good spots for the species. Singles were reported from 10 other dates/locations thus less than 15 birds total. At the same time, Common Loon numbers were typical both in count and distribution. A Black-crowned Night-Heron seen at Utica Marsh on 2 May was the only report submitted, presumably pointing to continued decline of the species in the Region. Judy Thurber spotted a **Glossy Ibis** approaching the North Lookout at Derby Hill on 26 May. The bird passed low overhead giving great looks and photos confirmed it as Glossy rather than the very similar White-faced.

New hawk counter Brandon Brogle manned the clickers at Derby Hill, a veteran of Hawk Mountain and Waggoner's Gap watches on the ridge-tops of southeastern Pennsylvania. An overall good season commenced with no long 'omega blocks' dominating weather and thus few prolonged periods of unfavorable winds. Highlights were plenty, kicking off with the first of four Black Vultures on 5 March. Still a rarity on the lakeshore, reports also came from known locations inland. The site's fourth **Swallow-tailed Kite** of the last ten years was picked up in the distance on 3 May by David Wheeler and followed as it came in with Broad-winged Hawks along the shoreline. Seeing from the bluff that the bird was indeed making the northward turn along the Lake's east shoreline, Wheeler phoned Matt Brown in Pulaski who then scrambled to successfully intercept it from the Bishop Road spot used for Fall hawk watching. Another sighting of the species on 24 April near Canastota was reported to the Editor by Reuben Stoltzfus on behalf of Amish birding community members who observed the bird (and also a Black Vulture!) during an excellent flight of Broadwings over their farm. Jeriah and Sharon Kline documented the sighting with an article in the 2022 edition of "Nature Farm Journal", complete with field notes and two terrific illustrations of the species. Their write-up ended on a philosophical note: "Where did it come from? Where was it going? How did it happen that we were in the same place at the same time? Unanswered questions that don't need to be answered". The date was a huge flight-day Region-wide with over 20,000 hawks counted at Derby Hill.

An amazing 17 Golden Eagles passed Derby in the first half of May, including eight on 3 May, very late in the season for these kinds of numbers. Other highlights included two dark Red-tailed Hawks spotted by Wheeler, including one that snuck by the South Lookout and was first seen on the back sky (thus the importance of watching there). The taxonomy as represented in eBird suggests these be entered as 'calurus/abieticola', which may surprise some readers, but the current treatment of Red-tailed subspecies there is a complicated topic. Two excellent Peregrine Falcon days were recorded with a new record of seven on 24 April and five on 3 May. Late in the day on 24 April, Brogle spotted the season's only **Swainson's Hawk** passing low over the North Lookout. A discussion ensued among the observers still present about the importance of maintaining vigilance for stragglers coming in after the main flight had ended, especially on such busy days when a lot of movement was happening. The scenario repeated itself in late May when Brogle spotted a late-flying bird already past the lookout that he thought to be Mississippi Kite. One had been seen recently at Braddock Bay so it seems likely to have been this species. If so, it would mean the site's first 19-species season and a sweep of the rarities expected at an eastern hawk watch.

### DERBY HILL HAWKWATCH TOTALS

Species	Arr*	Max	Max Date	Total
<b>Black Vulture</b>	-	-	-	4
<b>Turkey Vulture</b>	3/1	3111	4/5	32,413
<b>Osprey</b>	3/17	65	4/24	340
<b>Golden Eagle</b>	3/4	9	3/17	60
<b>Swallow-tailed Kite</b>	-	-	-	1
<b>No. Harrier</b>	3/6	48	3/31	480
<b>Sharp-shinned Hawk</b>	3/1	611	4/25	2642
<b>Cooper's Hawk</b>	3/1	17	3/19, 31	236
<b>No. Goshawk</b>	3/1	1	3/1, 14, 4/5	3
<b>Bald Eagle</b>	3/1	68	5/21	968
<b>Red-shouldered Hawk</b>	3/5	96	3/19	442
<b>Broad-winged Hawk</b>	4/11	19,335	4/24	39,973
<b>Swainson's Hawk</b>	-	-	-	1
<b>Red-tailed Hawk</b>	3/1	277	4/13	2680
<b>Rough-legged Hawk</b>	3/1	13	3/24	108
<b>Am. Kestrel</b>	3/2	57	4/13	351
<b>Merlin</b>	3/2	8	4/25	56
<b>Peregrine Falcon</b>	3/4	7	4/24	28
<b>Unidentified</b>	-	-	-	59
<b>Total incl unident.</b>				<b>80,845</b>

\*first migrants at the Hawkwatch

Snowy Owl was reported only from Hancock Airport in Syracuse. Two Short-eared Owls continued for Dennis Anderson on 8 March at the Burnet Road spot in Clay, future home to the huge Micron computer chip plant. The proposed development will surely destroy the fields there. Jonathan Kresge found two Black-backed

Woodpeckers on 30 April in the Black River Wild Forest. The species is presumed to be present throughout northern Herkimer County but may be thinly distributed and is thus rarely reported and then only with substantial effort by birders.

Two Olive-sided Flycatchers were found, one in Hamilton and the other at Sandy Pond. Joe Brin and Renee Kittleman reported that Acadian Flycatcher was not found at Whiskey Hollow. Will they return to this long-time breeding location? Though at the north end of its range, there are likely more in the Region than we realize as birders tend to twitch birds at known locations. A **White-eyed Vireo** on the 'Farmer's Hill Trail' at Green Lakes was well-described by James Williams on 10 May. Common Raven continues to be reported widely and often. A singing Sedge Wren was found early in the morning of 7 May by Mickey Scilingo in the 'big fields' area of Three Rivers WMA. Two Gray Catbirds found on the Erie Canal Trail near Canastota on 6 April were possibly local winterers, as they are known from other stretches of the same trail. Gray-cheeked Thrush was reported from only five locations. Gilbert Thomson photographed 16 **Bohemian Waxwings** on 3 March in Norway, Herkimer County, the season's only reported sighting. The Bishop Road hawkwatch spot is good for field birds all year long and produced 60 American Pipit on 3 May. Purple Finch migration as seen from Derby Hill was good in mid-April with counts of 450 on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>. It was not a big irruption year for Common Redpoll with the best of only a few sightings being 30 that passed Derby on 5 March. Red Crossbills were reported from the 'Southern Highlands' part of the Region as well as the northern areas of Oneida and Herkimer Counties. White-winged was found only three times, all in Herkimer. The Dolgeville area was the only hotspot for Pine Siskins aside from 14 birds that showed up at a feeder in Pulaski on 3 March. While birding the hilltop fields in the Madison County town of Fenner, Gary Meyers found a flock of 20 Lapland Longspurs on 11 Mar, an excellent number for the Region. Clay-colored Sparrows were found four places in mid-May, all on the Ontario lakeshore.

Gregg Dashnau found a singing **Henslow's Sparrow** at Three Rivers WMA on 5 May. The species is finicky about the age and condition of fields it will frequent, and is thus very rare for the Region as both a migrant and possible nester. Decline in appropriate weedlands has rendered the bird highly endangered in New York. Many birders got to hear the unusual 'song' typical of the species and two birds were reported vocalizing on 21 May. A historical perspective for the Region is provided in records kept by Marge Rusk dating back to the early 1950s and will be provided in the next issue of this report.

A singing **Yellow-breasted Chat** was found by Bruce Carpenter on 24 May at Griffiss Airport in Rome. Now rare, the species was always scarce but a former nester in the Region. David Wheeler and Brandon Brogle photographed a male **Yellow-headed Blackbird** flying by Derby Hill during 'morning flight' on 16 May, while Jay Chapman photographed a female passing on 21 April. These constitute the fourth and fifth records for the site and the first in 18 years. Given the volume of migrating icterids that go by every year it is perhaps surprising that more aren't seen. Morning flight on 11 May produced 351 Baltimore Orioles counted by Brogle amidst an overall strong flight of passerines. Orchard Oriole was reported returning to known locations plus a few random migrants, but only one was noted at Derby Hill. An estimate of 700 Rusty Blackbirds flying by was a good count at Derby on 3 May.

Golden-winged Warblers continue to be scarce, represented this period with six reports. One each 'Brewster's' and 'Lawrence's' hybrids were found. A Prothonotary Warbler was reported from Delta Lake on 5 May by Audrey Mihalko. No others were sighted. Orange-crowned records came from Derby Hill, Erieville, and Sandy Pond. Lots of favorable early-morning winds in May led to good morning flights at Derby, a phenomenon which commences during the 2-3 hours after first light. Observers noted 50 American Redstarts on 20 May, 125 Yellow Warblers on 11 May (amidst 500 warblers estimated migrating by), and 350 Yellow-rumps on 24 April. Prairie Warbler was reported from six spots in mid-late May.

Region 5 currently has five operating MOTUS stations located at Derby Hill, Three Rivers WMA, Rome WMA, Utica Zoo, and a site four miles south of Williamstown known as 'Fassler'. These register radio-tagged birds that fly through their 15-mile-diameter circle of detection. This season 20 'hits' were logged of nine different species. Horned Larks continue to be frequent with individuals tagged in Tadoussac Quebec in Fall 2021 being detected from 8-23 April. American Pipits from the same project checked in on 15 and 21 May, while a Chimney Swift tagged near Montreal on the 20<sup>th</sup> was picked up by multiple stations in the Region a few days later. White-throated Sparrow and Ovenbird were heard from on 7 and 13 May, respectively, having been tagged on 28 April and 9 May at Presque Isle PA. A Magnolia Warbler tagged on 12 May near Knox OH checked in on 21 May, while a Chestnut-sided Warbler tagged on 8 May near Rector PA was detected at Derby Hill on 14 May. Two Tennessee Warblers tagged near Deersville OH on 11-12 May passed our stations on 20 May and by the end of the month were near the Gulf of St Lawrence. Finally, a Blackpoll Warbler tagged on 13 April in Colombia was picked up on the Atlantic coast of Florida in mid-May, then in southern Pennsylvania on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and finally Fassler on the 26<sup>th</sup>. A different bird was still in Colombia near the tagging site on 5 May but passed Derby on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

This season a total of 253 species and six hybrids were reported, which is two above the recent 10-year average for the Region. Highlights included: Ross's Goose, Greater White-fronted Goose, Eurasian Wigeon, Whimbrel, Red Knot, Long-billed Dowitcher, **Laughing Gull**, Forster's Tern, **Glossy Ibis**, Black Vulture, **Swallow-tailed Kite**, **Swainson's Hawk**, Black-backed Woodpecker, **White-eyed Vireo**, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, Red Crossbill, White-winged Crossbill, Clay-colored Sparrow, **Henslow's Sparrow**, **Yellow-breasted Chat**, and **Yellow-headed Blackbird**. American Robin was the most frequently reported species, with 6449 records. Red-winged Blackbird, Northern Cardinal, American Crow, Song Sparrow, Black-capped Chickadee, Canada Goose, Common Grackle, American Goldfinch, and Mourning Dove round out the top 10. Expected species that were missed this spring include Black Scoter, Long-eared Owl, and Evening Grosbeak, while those represented by only one sighting include Surf Scoter, Upland Sandpiper, Red Knot, Forster's Tern, Black-crowned Night-Heron, Short-eared Owl, Sedge Wren, Bohemian Waxwing, and Prothonotary Warbler.

Spring 2022 produced 170,880 eBird records on 12,539 checklists for Region 5, and were processed by Swan Swan Hummingbird v6.0. Reports were submitted by 837 people. With so many submitting to eBird, the editor would like to take this opportunity to share how the 'Contributor' names below are compiled. Names appear

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**ADK** – Adirondacks, n. HERK; **BW** – Baltimore Woods, Marcellus; **BLNC** – Beaver L Nature Center, Baldwinsville; **Brew** – Oneida L at Brewerton; **BRH** – Bishop Road Hawk Watch, T Richland; **Bville** – Baldwinsville; **Const** – Oneida L at Constantia; **DB** – Ditch Bank Rd & vicinity, T Sullivan/Lenox, MADI; **DC** – Deer Creek Marsh, T Richland; **DH** – Derby Hill, T Mexico; **DL** – Delta L; **Dolge** – Dolgeville, HERK; **FH** – Fair Haven, Little Sodus Bay, and West Barrier Bar; **Fult** – Fulton area including Oswego Ri, Indian Pt, L Neatahwanta; **GB** – Great Bear Rec Area, Fulton; **GLSP** – Green Lakes SP, Fayetteville; **HF** – Highland Forest CP; **HI** – Howland I WMA, CAYU; **HM** – Hamlin Marsh, Clay; **HV** – Happy Valley WMA, Parish; **KK** – Kindred Kingdom Wildlife Center,

Pennellville; **LH** – Labrador Hollow Unique Area; **LOnt** – L Ontario; **LoopR** – Loop Rd, Montezuma NWR, CAYU; **MH** – Morgan Hill State Forest, Fabius; **MSI** – Madison St Impoundment, Hamilton; **OakC** – Oakwood Cemetery, Syracuse; **OF** – Old Forge; **OLC** – Onondaga L Creekwalk; **OneIL** – Oneida L; **OnonL** – Onondaga L; **OLP** – Onondaga Lake P (east and west shore); **OSP** – Oneida Shores P, Brewerton; **OswH** – Oswego Harbor; **PPt** – Oneida L at Phillips Pt, W Monroe; **PSS** – Peter Scott Swamp, Phoenix; **RCFS** – Rice Creek Field Station, Oswego; **SBP** – Sunset Bay P, Scriba; **SFNS** – Spring Farm Nature Sanctuary, Kirkland; **SH** – Southern Highlands of ONON & MADI; **Skan** – Skaneateles; **SkanL** – Skaneateles L; **SNC** – Sterling Nature Center, Sterling; **SP** – Sandy Pd and vicinity; **SSSP** – Selkirk Shores SP; **Syr** – Syracuse; **TR** – Three Rivers WMA, Lysander; **UM** – Utica Marsh; **VBSP** – Verona Beach SP; **WH** – Whiskey Hollow, Memphis; **WP** – Woodman Pd, Hamilton.

**Snow Goose:** max est 28700 Pulaski 11 Mar; last late Apr, few singles cont May.

**Ross's Goose:** SSSP 15 Mar (MBr); only rep.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Brew 6 Mar (SRo, JRo); 3 Port Byron 11 Mar (DWh).

**Brant:** arr 20 PPt 10 May; max est 2000 DH 24 May; last 40 DH 26 May.

**Cackling Goose:** max 3 DB 8 Mar (TSh) & Port Byron 11 May (DWh) 1-2 sev locs thru 14 May.

**Canada Goose:** max est 4200 Pulaski 17 Mar; num thru, main movement mid-Mar.

**Mute Swan:** most reps OnonL & FH; max 66 FH 17 Mar.

**Trumpeter Swan:** 1-4 var expected locs; max 10 FH 15 Mar.

**Tundra Swan:** max 44 Brew; last 3 Sandy Cr 26 Mar.

**Wood Duck:** max 177 SSSP 6 Mar, early for good num.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr HM 20 Mar; max 13 HM 22 Apr.

**Northern Shoveler:** max 24 LoopR 28 Apr; last 2 Rome 25 May.

**Gadwall:** max 19 SSSP 15 Mar.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** LoopR 14 Mar (JHe); SP 21 Mar – 5 Apr (MBr).

**American Wigeon:** max 58 FH 11 Mar; last HM 14 May.

**Mallard:** max 284 DB 13 Mar.

**Wood Duck x Mallard (hybrid):** Webster Pond Syr 27 Apr (JMc).

**American Black Duck:** max 60 DB 12 Mar.

**Mallard x American Black Duck (hybrid):** few reps var locs.

**Northern Pintail:** max est 1000 LoopR 10 Mar.

**Green-winged Teal:** arr SNC 2 Mar; max 210 TCicero 21 Mar.

**Canvasback:** max 20 OnonL 6 Mar; last SkanL 2 Apr.

**Redhead:** est 1000 SkanL 10 Mar; max est 1300 OnonL 10 Mar; last var locs late May.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max est 600 SP 25 Mar; 150 WP 6 May, small num linger WP thru.

**Greater Scaup:** max 350 Brew 16 Mar; last small flocks early May, singles linger thru.

**Lesser Scaup:** 400 OnonL 10 Mar; max est 500 SkanL 10 Mar; last small flocks early May, singles linger thru.

**Greater/Lesser Scaup:** est 1000 SP & PPt 25 Mar; max est 1400 PPt 3 Apr.

**Surf Scoter:** 2 OLP 12 Apr (MMa, BRu); only rep.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 50 FH 9 Mar & OswH 21 Mar; last FH & 8 Const 23 May.

**Black Scoter:** no reps.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 353 PPt 9 Apr; last flocks mid May, small num thru.

**Bufflehead:** max 364 Const 16 Apr, good num; last flocks early May, small num thru.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 300 OnonL 6 Mar & SP 16 Mar; small flocks to early Apr, small num thru.

**Hooded Merganser:** max 140 SSSP 8 Mar.

**Common Goldeneye x Hooded Merganser (hybrid):** Pvile OneiR 15 Mar (DWh, ph) & 16 Mar (KFi, RFi, MFi).

**Common Merganser:** max est 1500 OnonL 10 Mar.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 200 DH 24 Apr; last flocks mid May, small num thru.

**Ruddy Duck:** arr 2 OnonL 16 Mar; max 15 OnonL 26 Apr; last 2 WP 5 May.

**Northern Bobwhite:** MH 27 Mar, unusual date & loc but modern reps presumably released origin.

**Wild Turkey:** max 65 Dolge 31 Mar.

**Ruffed Grouse:** small num var locs.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** small num var locs, most presumably released by state.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 5 SP 22 Mar.

**Horned Grebe:** max 14 OnonL 9 Mar & 26 Apr; last OneIL 23 May, late.

**Red-necked Grebe:** arr OnonL 14 Mar; max 7 Francis Pond Const 8 Apr, unusual loc (BPu); last OnonL 5 May.

**Rock Pigeon:** flocks widespread.

**Mourning Dove:** widespread; max 54 Pulaski 4 Mar.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Cleveland 13 May; max 2 var locs late-May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr UM 9 May; max 4 SFNS 15 May.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr 12 DH 15 May; max 130 DH 20 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr Syr 2 May, unusual loc (SRo, JRo); 1-3 typical locs May.

**Chimney Swift:** arr DH 24 Apr; max 50 Fult 18 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Salisbury 24 Apr; 15 DH 12, 14, 20 May; max 60 Stillwater 29 May (GLe), banding operation, *intro*.

**Virginia Rail:** arr WMonroe 31 Mar; max 4 var locs/dates May.

**Sora:** arr MSI 6 Apr; max 4 Verona 5, 11 May & UM 9 May.

**Common Gallinule:** arr DC 15 Apr; max 10 HI 3 May.

**American Coot:** max 22 SkanL 19 Mar; last flocks mid-Apr, small num thru.

**Sandhill Crane:** arr Barneveld 2 Mar; 16 DH 11 Apr; max 17 DH 5 Apr.

**Black-bellied Plover:** arr SP 12 May (MBr, AKo); max 12 FH 27 May (DDo, TSh, DWh).

**Killdeer:** max 15 OLP 18 Mar & DB 25 Apr.

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr SP 12 May; max 30 FH 27 May.

**Piping Plover:** arr 2 SP 25 Apr (CNe); max 5 SP 14 May (CNe).

**Upland Sandpiper:** Deerfield 14 May (MVo); only rep.

**Whimbrel:** arr PPt 20 May (BPu); max 4 FH 28 May (DWh).

**Ruddy Turnstone:** arr SP 19 May (MBr); max 43 FH 28 May (DWh), exc num.

**Red Knot:** 3 SP 31 May (CNe); only rep.

**Sanderling:** arr 4 FH 19 May (DWh); 2-4 SP 19-31 May (mob); max 10 FH 27 May (TSh).

**Dunlin:** arr Cato 4 Apr (GDa); 94 SP 19 May (MBr); max 136 FH (DWh).

**Least Sandpiper:** arr 6 DH 1 May; max 21 Jville Res 21 May.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** arr 2 SP 19 May (MBr); max 4 FH 27 May (DWh, TSh, DDo); only reps.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr 5 SP 8 Apr; max 12 TCicero 25 Apr; last DB 20 May.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr SP & OLP 16 May; max 36 SP 19 May.

**Peep sp:** max 100 SP 31 May.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr FH 19 May (DWh) & max 72 SP 19 May (MBr), Reg rec; OLP 25-29 May; only reps; *intro*.

**Long-billed Dowitcher:** TCicero 23-25 Apr (SPe, mob), rare in spring; *intro*.

**American Woodcock:** arr TR 6 Mar; max 11 TR 7 May.

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr DH 17 Mar; max 16 DB 28 Mar.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Cicero 13 Apr; max 20 OLP 16 May.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Verona 31 Mar, very early; max 24 DH 11 May; last OLP 23 May.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr 2 TCicero 22 Apr; max 12 TCicero 6 May.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr Port Byron 19 Mar, early; max 20 TCicero 23, 25 Apr.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** arr OnonL 18 Mar; 293 SkanL 17 Apr; max 420 OneIL 8 Apr.

**LAUGHING GULL (R5):** FH 23 May (DWh, ph).

**Ring-billed Gull:** max est 3000 OnonL 10 Mar & DB 27 Mar.

**Herring Gull:** max est 700 DB 26 Mar.

**Iceland Gull:** max 6 DB 26-27 Mar; last Minoa 26 Apr.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** max 22 DB 26 Mar (DWh), Reg rec, *intro*; singles typ locs thru.

**Glaucous Gull:** IH 1-3 Mar; SP 10 Mar; last DB 12 Mar; only reps, poor num.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 52 IH 4 Mar.

**Herring x Great Black-backed Gull (hybrid):** SSSP 10, 14 Mar (MBr).

**Caspian Tern:** arr 6 SP 4 Apr; max 328 SP 3 May (MBr), good num.

**Black Tern:** arr Eaton 2 May; Jville Res 4 May; Port Ont 6 May; max 2 HI 9 May; Const 21 May; OLP 22 May; SP 27 May; only reps.

**Common Tern:** arr 3 SP & 5 Little Sandy Cr 12 Apr; max 124 Const 25 May.

**Forster's Tern:** 2 OnonL 19 Apr (DWe); only rep.

**Red-throated Loon:** arr OswH 17 Mar; max 2 SkanL & OnonL 17 Apr; last Lebanon Res 28 May; poor nums.

**Common Loon:** mig arr late-Mar; 79 OnonL 16 Apr; max 80 SkanL 17 Apr.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** main mig mid-Apr – early-May; max 600 SP 8 May.

**American Bittern:** arr WMonroe 9 Apr; max 5 DC 1, 10, 11 May.

**Least Bittern:** arr Brew 2 May; max 2 HI 6 May & PSS 21 May.

**Great Blue Heron:** max 60 Minetto 25 May; highest nums all at breeding sites.

**Great Egret:** arr & max 2 Fulton 31 Mar & 2 LoopR 25 May; singles var locs.

**Green Heron:** arr Kirkville 15 Apr; max 8 DH 16 May.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** UM 2 May (Rwi), only rep; sp declining in Reg.

**GLOSSY IBIS (R5):** DH 26 May (JTh, mob).

**Black Vulture:** reps continue known locs Jamesville, Oneida, Little Falls; migrants DH 22 Mar (DWh, BBr) & 20 Apr (DWh, BBr) & 26 May (BBr, DWh, BPu), remains scarce on Ontario Lakeshore; Canastota 24 Apr (JSK), unusual loc.

**Turkey Vulture:** mig arr early-Mar; max 3111 DH 5 Apr.

**Osprey:** arr DH 17 Mar; max 65 DH 24 Apr.

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** DH 3 May (DWh, BBr, ph) & BRH (MBr), same bird; Canastota 24 Apr (JSK) per RSt; 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Reg recs; *intro*.

**Golden Eagle:** mig arr 3 DH 4 Mar; BLNC 5 Mar (APe); max 9 DH 17 Mar; 8 DH 3 May, exc num for date; last DH 14 May; 17 total DH in May is unprecedented; *intro*.

**Northern Harrier:** max 48 DH 31 Mar.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** max 611 DH 25 Apr.

**Cooper's Hawk:** max 17 DH 19, 31 Mar.

**Northern Goshawk:** DH 1, 14 Mar (BBr); only reps.

**Bald Eagle:** max 68 DH 21 May.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** max 96 DH 19 Mar.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr 3 DH 11 Apr; 600 Canastota 24 Apr (JSK), unusual loc; max 19,335 DH 24 Apr.

**SWAINSON'S HAWK:** DH 24 Apr (BBr, DWh, JCh, ph), late in day.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 277 DH 13 Apr; dark morphs DH 24 Apr (DWh, BBr, ph) & 26 Apr (DWh, BBr).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** max 13 DH 24 Mar; last DH 9 May; 6 total DH May.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** singles/pairs typical locs.

**Great Horned Owl:** widespread resident.

**Snowy Owl:** 1-2 Syr Airport 2 Mar – 16 Apr; only reps.

**Barred Owl:** widespread resident.

**Long-eared Owl:** no reps.

**Short-eared Owl:** 2 Clay 8 Mar (DAn); only rep.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** BLNC 5 – 14 Mar; TR 18 Mar; OakC 16 Apr; Forestport 29 May; only reps.

**Belted Kingfisher:** widespread; max 6 DH 5 Apr.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** reps from established locs.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** widespread resident.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** Mar reps likely loc winterers; mig arr DH 1 Apr; max 8 LH 23 Apr & Erieville 25 May.

**Black-backed Woodpecker:** 2 Black River Forest 30 Apr (JKr), only rep.

**Downy Woodpecker:** widespread resident.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** widespread resident.

**Northern Flicker:** small nums Mar, winterers; mig arr early Apr; max 100 DH 14 Apr.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** widespread resident.

**American Kestrel:** max 57 DH 13 Apr.

**Merlin:** 4 DH 6 Mar, early but sp cont as winterer; max 8 DH 25 Apr.

**Peregrine Falcon:** singles/nesting pairs typ locs; 3 DH & FH 25 Apr; 5 DH 3 May; max 7 DH 24 Apr, exc num and new day rec for site.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr Syr 25 Apr; max 15 BLNC 11 May.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr DH 24 Apr; max 16 DH 10 May.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr SP 16 May (MBr); Hamilton 24 May (JSp); only reps.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr RCFS 6 May; max 13 HI 25 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr SH 11 May; max 3 SBP 27 May.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** arr 3 Hannibal 16 May; singles/pairs Hannibal, SNC, Minetto, Parish, Spafford; not rep from traditional WH loc.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr SH 11 May; max 6 TR 22 May & Brandy Lake 20 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr Hamilton 6 May; max 16 DB 16 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr OLP 25 Apr; max 10 OLP 8, 12 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Syr 16 Mar; max 14 FH 14 Apr (BCI).

**WHITE-EYED VIREO (R5):** GLSP 10 May (JWi).

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr OSP 1 May; max 7 HI 25 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr DH 17 Apr; max 8 MH 30 Apr.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr OLC 4 May; max 3 Pratts Falls CP 18 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr WP 26 Apr; max 16 WP 19 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr DH 2 May; max 32 Pratts Falls 24 May.

**Northern Shrike:** DH 2 Mar; TR 5-22 Mar; 5 other locs Mar; last Salisbury 27 Mar.

**Blue Jay:** max 880 DH 20 May, mig flight.

**American Crow:** max 10000 OLP 2 Mar, roost flight; 3000 DH 17 Mar, mig flight.

**Fish Crow:** max 5 OLP 19 Mar & Phoenix 10 Apr; reps typ locs.

**Common Raven:** max 9 Eagle Bay 10 Mar; widespread reps.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** widespread resident; max 38 HV 2 Apr; poor mig flight DH.

**Tufted Titmouse:** widespread resident except N HERK & N ONEI.

**Horned Lark:** max 75 Deansboro 10 Mar.

**Bank Swallow:** arr HI 17 Apr; max 80 DH 5 May.

**Tree Swallow:** arr DB 12 Mar; max 200 DC 1, 10 May & SP 9 Apr & OneIL 4 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Hamilton 6 Apr; max 35 DB 5 May.

**Purple Martin:** arr DH 11 Apr; max 20 Cleveland 12 May.

**Barn Swallow:** arr DH 9 Apr; max 400 SP 3 May.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr Brew 20 Apr; max 25 DH 11 May.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr WP 5 Apr; max 50 RCFS 1 May; last SP 25 May, late.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 38 DC 13 Apr.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** 16 Norway HERK 3 Mar (GTh); only rep.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 457 DH 30 May; best nums Mar and late May.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** small groups typ locs; max 16 Bear Lake 7 May.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** widespread resident.

**Brown Creeper:** max 26 DC 13 Apr.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr WP 14 Apr; max 8 DC 11, 14 May.

**House Wren:** arr Syr 15 Apr; max 15 BW 12 May.

**Winter Wren:** mid-Mar birds early mig or local winterers, main arr early Apr; max 5 sev locs late-Apr – May.

**Sedge Wren:** singing m TR 7 May thru (MSC, GDa, mob); only rep.

**Marsh Wren:** arr 3 HM 5 Apr; max 18 Brew 2 May.

**Carolina Wren:** small nums typ locs, mostly ONON.

**Gray Catbird:** 2 Canastota 6 Apr, poss winterers; arr var locs 24 Apr; max 30 var locs mid May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr 3 DH 14 Apr; max 6 GLSP 29 May.

**Northern Mockingbird:** singles/pairs typ locs, mostly ONON; DH 4, 21, 22 May, unusual on lakeshore.

**European Starling:** max 500 DB 13 Mar.

**Eastern Bluebird:** widespread; max 35 DH 20 May; best numS DH mid-late May.

**Veery:** arr TR 30 Apr; max 10 HV 25 May.

**Gray-checked Thrush:** arr DC 15 May (MBr); Bville & Noyes S 27 May (JBr, RKi, GCh); Rome 29 May (BCa); Pratts Falls 24 May (DNA); only repS.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr Erieville 5 May; max 3 var locs 11-20 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** likely wintererS 2 locs Mar; arr OSP 26 Mar; max 7 Syr 3 May.

**Wood Thrush:** arr BLNC 26 Apr; max 12 Erieville 15 May & Earlville 29 May.

**American Robin:** max 934 DH 6 Mar; best numS Mar – early Apr.

**House Sparrow:** flocks widespread resident.

**American Pipit:** arr 2 TR 19 Mar; max 60 BRH 3 May; last 4 TMexico 19 May.

**House Finch:** widespread resident; max 15 BLNC 7 May.

**Purple Finch:** est 400 DH 14 Apr; max est 450 DH 13, 24 Apr; morning flights.

**Common Redpoll:** small numS in 7 locs Mar; max 30 DH 5 Mar; undoc repS early Apr incl last DH 21 Apr.

**Red Crossbill:** flocks typ locs SH & ADK thru; max 50 Earlville 27 May.

**White-winged Crossbill:** ADK 23 Mar (PFe), 5 Apr (MKe), 14 May (SDe); only repS.

**Pine Siskin:** small flocks typ locs; max 14 Pulaski 3 Mar.

**American Goldfinch:** flocks common & widespread; max 200 DH 10 May.

**Lapland Longspur:** 20 TFenner 11 Mar (GMe), good num; 5 TR 21 Mar; last DH 24 Apr; only repS.

**Snow Bunting:** max 35 TMexico 13 Mar; last 20 LoopR 14 Mar.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Hastings 5 May; max 4 Rome 28 May.

**Chipping Sparrow:** arr TR 6 Apr; max 22 SBP 9 May; no Mar repS.

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr SNC 1 May (JDA); DC 11 May (MBr); SBP 14 May (SBe, KHa); 2 DH 16 May (DWh, BBr); only repS.

**Field Sparrow:** SFNS 17 Mar; GLSP & TR 18 Mar, early mig or wintererS; arr OLP 6 Apr; max 14 GLSP 30 Apr.

**Fox Sparrow:** arr TR 12 Mar, early or nearby winterer; max 10 SP 13 Apr; last SFNS 25 Apr.

**American Tree Sparrow:** max 37 Verona 12 Mar; last 2 Madison 3 May.

**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 47 Pulaski 13 Mar.

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 8 Bville 4 Mar (JBr, RKi); Mar-early Apr repS cont wintererS; mig arr late Apr; max 25 SNC 11 May; last Jordan 21 May.

**White-throated Sparrow:** max 40 SBP 9 May

**Vesper Sparrow:** arr Osw 17 Mar (GDa), very early; 8 BRH 13-14 Apr; max 10 GLSP 13 Apr.

**Henslow's Sparrow:** TR 5 May thru (GDa); 2 TR 21 May (CBr, JFa) both rep calling, males or m/f pair unknown; very rare in Reg in modern era as both mig & nester; *intro*.

**Savannah Sparrow:** arr Hamilton 6 Apr; max 6 BRH 3 May.

**Song Sparrow:** max 70 OLP 6 Apr.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr Syr 3 May; max 4 DC 11 May; last SBP 27 May but likely nest N HERK.

**Swamp Sparrow:** early Mar repS local wintererS; mig arr DH 18 Mar; max 37 HM 21 May.

**Eastern Towhee:** Pennellville 12 Mar; arr TR 31 Mar; max 14 Skan 9 May.

**YELLOW-BREASTED CHAT (R5):** Rome 24 May (BCa).

**YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD (R5):** fem 21 Apr (JCh, ph); male 16 May (DWh, BBr, ph), both in morning flight.

**Bobolink:** arr DH 26 Apr; max 98 DH 11 May.

**Eastern Meadowlark:** arr DH 10 Mar; max 28 DH 19 Mar.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr SNC 2 May; max 5 DB 15 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr Clay 14 Apr, very early (TWe, ph); max 351 DH (DWh, BBr), morning flight.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max est 5000 DH 17 Mar.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 200 DH 1 May.

**Rusty Blackbird:** Pulaski 1 Mar cont from prev per; arr 2 DH 6 Mar; max est 700 DH 3 May in morning flight (DWh).

**Common Grackle:** max est 5000 TR 20 Mar.  
**blackbird sp:** max est 10000 DH 6 Apr.

**Ovenbird:** arr 2 BW 24 Apr; max 30 HV 25 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr HF 23 Apr; max 3 var locs.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr DB 24 Apr; max 7 LH 15 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** arr SH 11 May; singles 4 locs LOnt shore 12-14 May; only reps.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr DB 24 Apr; max 7 GSC 12 May.

**“Lawrence’s Warbler”:** GLSP 17-25 May.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr SBP 24 Apr; max 9 FH 11 May.

**Prothonotary Warbler:** DL 5 May (AMi); only rep.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Canastota 6 May; max 30 Pulaski 14 May.

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** DH 9 May (DWh, BBr, ph); Erieville 10 May (GMe); SP 12 May (MBr); only reps.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr DH 25 Apr; max 7 TR 11 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr GB & BW 12 May; max 5 WH 30 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr WP 27 Apr; max 20 RCFS 19 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Clinton 5 May; max 6 var locs 13-31 May.

**American Redstart:** arr TR & Hamilton 2 May; max 50 DH 20 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr 2 DH 1 May; max 6 GLSP 6 May; last FH 27 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr 2 HI 6 May; max 11 HI 25 May; other reps expected locs.

**Northern Parula:** arr OakC 25 Apr; max 8 Otter L ADK 20 May.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr DH 1 May; max 10 FH 13 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr FH 10 May; max 7 FH 20 May; last HI 23 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr HM 24 Apr (DNA), early; max 15 Earlville 27 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr OLC 20 Apr, early; max 125 DH 11 May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr 2 OLP 3 May; max 14 Erieville 15 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Canastota 6 May, early; max 25 FH 27 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr DH 25 Apr; max 9 Brandy Lake ADK 20 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr DC 13 Apr; max 25 DH 2 May; last 2 FH 20 May but likely nests N HERK.

**Pine Warbler:** arr Syr 22 Mar (SRo), very early; max 9 VBSP 5 May.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 2 RCFS 5 Mar, likely wintered at loc; arr Osw 16 Mar; max 350 DH 24 Apr.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr DH 10 May (DWh, BBr); SH 11 May (GMe); max 2 Canastota 14 May (STr); SNC 21 May (LWe); SNC 22 May (JDA); Dolge 28 May (EFr); only reps.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr Kirkland 25 Apr; max 12 GLSP 12 May.

**Canada Warbler:** arr BLNC 10 May; max 4 Camden 30 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Hamilton 6 May; max 4 DH 14 May.

**warbler sp:** 100 DH 9 May; 300 DH 11 May; morning flights.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr TR 2 May; max 16 DH 11 May.

**Northern Cardinal:** widespread resident.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Jordan 24 Apr; max 13 DH 11 May.

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## REGION 6—ST. LAWRENCE

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Winter weather persisted into the first week of the season, with daily temperatures in Watertown dropping to -2° F on 1 March and -6° on 4 and 5 March. By mid-March a warm spell brought the first spring-like weather to the Region, with the mercury peaking at 67° on 18 March before cooling to more seasonal levels. The overall mean temperature for March was 32.0°, 0.5° above normal, and was accompanied by 4.1" of precipitation, 1.4" above normal. April was as average as it gets, with the month's mean temperature of 44.4° exactly equaling the long-term average, and with just 0.2" *The Kingbird* 2022 September, 72 (3)

of precipitation above average. May was a little on the warm and wet side, with a mean temperature that was 1.3° above normal, and the 5.0" of precipitation that fell was 1.2" above average.

The first significant push of geese began on 9 March, mostly consisting of Canada Geese but including the season's only Greater White-fronted Goose over Fort Drum. A Cackling Goose was at Ashland Flats WMA the following day, with additional individuals over Fort Drum on 17 March and at Leishman Point on 2 April. The goose flight peaked on 17 March, when tens of thousands of Snow Geese passed over several locations accompanied by a variety of other early migrants, including seven Ross's Geese over Fort Drum. The duck migration was fairly average, with the only notable sightings being small groups of Canvasback at Robert Wehle State Park and Point Peninsula, and two male and one female Barrow's Goldeneye, also at Point Peninsula, all in March.

Shorebirds were generally scarce thanks to high water on Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River, but a pair of **Piping Plovers** at Lakeview WMA was one of the season's major highlights. On 24 May Matt Brown observed the banded Piping Plovers at an apparent nest site, one bird each from different parents that hatched at Sandy Pond in nearby Oswego County in earlier years. Piping Plovers nested successfully at Lakeview in 2015, the first year in modern history that nesting was documented along the east end of Lake Ontario, but subsequent nesting attempts at this location in 2016 and 2021 failed. No particularly noteworthy migrant shorebirds were noted, and numbers for most regular migrants were average to poor.

Great Egrets continue to increase at the Murphy Island heron rookery, with a maximum of 29 individuals and at least 10 nests observed on 6 May. Black-crowned Night-Herons have nested on this island for years, with a sizeable Great Blue Heron rookery developing by 2019 and the first two Great Egrets showing up that same year. **Glossy Ibis** have been nearly annual in Jefferson County in recent years, with one at the Woods Farm pond in Clayton on 4 and 5 May.

Overall, migration was very early this spring. Of the 94 species for which arrival dates are tracked for annual comparisons, the mean arrival was 21 April, one day earlier than for 2021 and tying 2012 for the earliest average arrival documented. Four species arrived at record early dates: Great-crested Flycatcher, Least Flycatcher, Blackburnian Warbler, and Black-throated Green Warbler. Many more species arrived at near record early dates, with very few species arriving later than expected.

Reports of Fish Crows have been increasing in Region 6 for the past few years, but usually lack sufficient details to rule out begging female or juvenile American Crows. The majority of these reports are from western Jefferson County, but on 24 May Gregg Dashnau documented one in West Turin, Lewis County, thankfully providing a suitably convincing report. Fish Crows may well be increasing in the Region, and hopefully observers will be more diligent about documenting their reports in the future.

Most of the Region's scarce March reports of American Pipit consist of singles or very small groups, so a flock of 230 in a Leray farm field on 23 March was a surprise. Obligate grassland birds were present in typical numbers for recent years, with Upland Sandpiper reports coming from Fort Drum and one location in Clayton, and single Henslow's Sparrows at Perch River WMA and Fort Drum. Sedge Wrens are typically scarce before mid-May, and one that Tom and Laura Somerville found

in Clayton on 25 April was among the earliest records for Region 6. The only other Sedge Wrens reported were at Lakeview WMA and Fort Drum, perhaps the two most reliable locations for this species in Region 6.

The passerine highlight of the season was a **Kirtland's Warbler** I found on Fort Drum on 16 May, amazingly the installation's second, but unlike the 2014 individual only observed for one day. As in 2014, this Kirtland's Warbler was immediately preceded by one in Monroe County, making one wonder how many others passed through the state undetected. Sue Adair photographed a male **Summer Tanager** on Stony Point on 18 May, the first in the Region since two were reported in 2017. On 28 May Michael Ingles found a singing male **Prothonotary Warbler** on the aptly named Swamp Road in the town of Lyme. Breeding Bird Atlas workers turned up eight Louisiana Waterthrush at four locations, mostly on the Tug Hill, more than twice what is normally reported. Orange-crowned Warblers at Fort Drum and the SUNY-ESF Ranger School in Wanakena were good finds as this warbler is not annual in spring.

The crossbill nesting event that was reported widely in the Adirondacks this winter but not well documented in Region 6 continued into the spring, with improved coverage in southeastern St. Lawrence County. Red Crossbills were observed in at least 21 locations, with nesting confirmed at the SUNY-ESF Ranger School by Vanessa Rojas on 31 May. White-winged Crossbills continued to be generally scarce in Region 6, but probable nesting was documented near Peavine Swamp, the latter location being the only place where more than a few individuals were reported. A variety of other finches were noted in very small numbers, for instance the season's last Pine Grosbeak at Fort Drum on 2 March and a single Evening Grosbeak at El Dorado on 14 May. Other than crossbills, the most notable finch event was probably a surprisingly heavy movement of redpolls observed at Fort Drum and Canton on 17 March, as generally low numbers were reported throughout the winter.

For the season I received reports of 239 species, a little more than six above the most recent ten-year average and two more than the spring tally from 2016, the previous spring high over the past 22 years. Good diversity of waterfowl, finches, and warblers certainly helped the seasonal total, which could have been significantly higher if there had been decent shorebird habitat available. The season's highlight surely was the Kirtland's Warbler on Fort Drum, but access restrictions unfortunately prevented anybody other than a few biologists working on the installation from seeing this bird. In fact none of this season's rarities were observed by more than three or four people, an all too common occurrence in a Region where birders are thinly distributed.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AFWMA** – Ashland Flats WMA; **CBr** – Chaumont Barrens Pres; **CCSP** – Coles Creek SP; **CV** – T Cape Vincent; **CWF** – Canton Wastewater Treatment Facility; **ED** – El Dorado Shores Pres, T Ellisburg; **FD** – Fort Drum Military Reservation, JEFF & LEWI; **HH** – Henderson Harbor; **ICNC** – Indian Creek Nature Center, T Canton; **JEFF** – Jefferson County; **JRd** – Jericho Rd wetlands, T Hounsfield; **KC** – Kelsey Creek, T Watertown; **LB** – Lisbon Beach; **LBSF** – Lonesome Bay State Forest; **LPSP** – Long Pt SP; **LWMA** – Lakeview WMA; **MI** – Murphy Islands, T Waddington; **MM** – Massawepie Mire, T Colton & Piercefield, STLA; **MP** – Montario Pt, T Ellisburg; **PRWMA** – Perch Ri WMA, JEFF; **PtPen** – Pt Peninsula, T Lyme, JEFF; **RMSp** – Robert Moses SP, T Massena; **RRT** – Remington Recreation Trail, T Canton; **RWSP** – Robert G. Wehle SP; **SLR** – St. Lawrence Ri; **STLA** – St. Lawrence County; **StPt** – Stony Pt, T Henderson, JEFF; **TP** – Tibbetts Pt; **ULLWMA** – Upper and Lower Lakes WMA, T Canton; **WHWMA** – Wilson Hill WMA; **WP** – Whalen P, T Louisville.

**Snow Goose:** arr RRT 9 Mar; heaviest movement 17 Mar incl max 44200 over T Canton (W. Gallup) & 34900 over FD (JBo); last flock CCSP 2 Apr; single T Lowville 23 Apr.

**Ross's Goose:** 7 over FD 17 Mar (JBo) only report.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** FD 9 Mar (JBo) only report.

**Brant:** 24 T Canton 16 May (W. Gallup); max 420 WP 19 May N. Kachala); 300 T West Turin 24 May (G. Dashnau); 130 FD 25 May (JBo); only reports.

**Cackling Goose:** AFWMA 10 Mar (S. Kelling); FD 17 Mar (JBo); Leishman Pt 2 Apr (JBo); about average for recent years.

**Canada Goose:** heaviest movement 17 Mar incl 12190 T Canton & 7700 FD.

**Mute Swan:** max 24 LWMA 11 May.

**Trumpeter Swan:** max 26 ULLWMA 9 Mar.

**Tundra Swan:** max 27 JRd 15 Mar; last PRWMA 31 Mar.

**Wood Duck:** arr T Watertown 6 Mar.

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr T Watertown 16 Mar; max 50+ Ridge Road T Lowville 23 Apr.

**Northern Shoveler:** arr JRd 17 Mar; max 25 Ridge Road T Lowville 23 Apr.

**Gadwall:** arr T Henderson 10 Mar; max 11 Wilson's Bay CV 23 Mar.

**American Wigeon:** arr T Watertown 6 Mar; max 113 PRWMA 12 Apr.

**Mallard:** max 149 JRd 17 Mar.

**American Black Duck:** max 72 JRd 17 Mar.

**Northern Pintail:** arr LPSP 10 Mar; max 350 PRWMA 22 Apr.

**Green-winged Teal:** arr T Henderson 10 Mar; max 170 Ridge Rd T Denmark & Lowville 23 Apr.

**Canvasback:** 5 RWSP 1 Mar & 4 PtPen 19 Mar only reports.

**Redhead:** max 200 PtPen 16 Mar.

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 870 PRWMA 12 Apr.

**Greater Scaup:** max 1535 LPSP 10 Mar.

**Lesser Scaup:** max 20 PtPen 22 Mar.

**Surf Scoter:** 2 MP 17 Mar only report.

**White-winged Scoter:** max 21 MP 23 Mar; last RWSP 14 May.

**Black Scoter:** LWMA 17 Mar only report.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 195 RWSP 15 Mar; last ED 20 May.

**Bufflehead:** max 120 TP 2 Apr; last 2 PRWMA 21 May.

**Common Goldeneye:** max 1500 PtPen 17 Mar; last 2 WHWMA 6 May.

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** 2 ad m, 1 f PtPen 8-10 Mar (N. Leone, T. Shrimpton, JBo).

**Hooded Merganser:** max 25 PtPen 22 Mar.

**Common Merganser:** max 140 CCSP 19 Mar.

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 120 StPt 14 May.

**Ruddy Duck:** PRWMA 24 Mar only report.

**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr LB 13 Mar.

**Horned Grebe:** 4 HH 24 Apr; 7 Black River fishing site T Watertown 26 Apr; only reports.

**Red-necked Grebe:** L Bonaparte 16 Apr; 2 T Denmark 23 Apr; Black River fishing site T Watertown 12 Mar; 2 ULLWMA 5 May; only reports.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr ULLWMA 15 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr T Antwerp 13 May.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr FD 14 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr T Clayton 30 Apr.

**Chimney Swift:** arr FD 25 Apr; max 200 T Martinsburg 18 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr T Canton & T Hounsfield 3 May.

**Virginia Rail:** arr T Clayton 3 Apr.

**Sora:** arr ULLWMA & T Watertown 6 May.

**Common Gallinule:** arr PRWMA 12 Apr

**American Coot:** ULLWMA 5-18 Mar;

PRWMA 24 Mar; 2 PRWMA 12 Apr; 2

ULLWMA 11 Apr where last 18 Apr.

**Sandhill Crane:** 2 arr T Clayton 13 Mar; max 3 T Canton 6 Apr, RRT 8 Apr & T Massena 12 Apr; 6 more reports.

**Black-bellied Plover:** PRWMA 14 May & LWMA 26 May only reports.

**Killdeer:** arr FD 9 Mar.

**Semipalmated Plover:** arr LWMA 26 May; max 3 LWMA 31 May.

**PIPING PLOVER (R6):** pair LWMA 24 May thru (M. Brown, I Mazzocchi, A Kocek) *intro*.

**Upland Sandpiper:** arr FD 26 Apr; 3 T Clayton 8 May only report away from FD.

**Dunlin:** arr PRWMA 20 May; max 55 SLR T Massena 28 May

**Least Sandpiper:** arr T Dekalb 10 May; max 17 CWF 11 May.

**Semipalmated Sandpiper:** arr LWMA 26 May; max 15 LWMA 31 May.

**American Woodcock:** arr FD 10 Mar.

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr ULLWMA 21 Mar.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Red Lake 29 Apr.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Woods Farm Pond T Clayton 1 May.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr JRd 24 Apr; max 20 PRWMA 14 May.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr T Gouverneur 13 Apr; max 7 JRd 24 Apr.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** max 60 Pt. Salubrious 18 Apr.

**Ring-billed Gull:** arr SLR Ogdensburg 4 Mar.

**Herring Gull:** max 80 LWMA 8 May.

**Caspian Tern:** arr CCSP & PRWMA 2 Apr.

**Black Tern:** arr PRWMA 5 May; max 36

PRWMA 20 May & 35 ULLWMA 21 May.

**Common Tern:** arr Swan Bay T Alexandria 16 Apr.

**Common Loon:** arr RWSP 23 Mar.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr Wellesley I 8 Mar.

**American Bittern:** arr PRWMA 3 Apr.

**Least Bittern:** arr T Watertown 11 May.

**Great Blue Heron:** apparent arr T Lyme 10 Mar; 47 at MI colony 26 Mar.

**Great Egret:** 2 arr MI colony by 9 Apr; max 29 MI 6 May where colony growing.

**Green Heron:** arr ICNC 18 Apr.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr MI colony by 16 Apr.

**Glossy Ibis:** Woods Farm Pond T Clayton 4-5 May (R. Spahn, S. Mix, R. Booth, photos!); now nearly annual in spring.

**Osprey:** arr PRWMA 23 Mar.

**Golden Eagle:** ad FD 2 Mar; max 3 T Canton 11 Mar; T Canton 14 Mar; imm PRWMA 19 & 29 Mar; T Watertown 22 Apr; Tooley Pond Rd 25 Mar.

**Northern Harrier:** virtually absent away from W JEFF until widespread arr 8-10 Mar.

**Northern Goshawk:** different loc FD 2 & 9 Mar (JBo); 2 T Fine 16 Mar (A.

Lewandowski); T Dekalb 26 Mar (J. Biby, B. Carr, B. McAllister); CCSP 26 Mar (N.

Kachala); ad attacked by crows Whetstone Gulf Res 24 May (G. Dashnau); more than usual.

**Bald Eagle:** max 12 ULLWMA 3 Apr.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** arr PtPen 8 Mar (M. Smith) early; max 3 T Canton 17 Mar & T Watertown 24 Apr.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr RRT 16 Apr; max 68 T Watertown & 65 French Creek WMA 25 Apr.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** last T Henderson 24 Apr.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** T Lyme 18 May only report.

**Snowy Owl:** CV 1 Mar; carcass on side I-81 T Orleans 5 Mar; last T Harrisburg 23 Apr; only reports.

**Long-eared Owl:** ULLWMA 30 Mar (M. Newhouse); T Brownville 1 May (R. Spahn) only reports.

**Short-eared Owl:** T Watertown 28 Apr (B. Sabourin); RMSP 30 Apr (M. Curtis).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** FD 17 Mar (JBo); 2 T West Turin 6 Apr.

**Belted Kingfisher:** arr ULLWMA 9 Mar.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** arr date unclear FD as 6 ind successfully overwintered; no reports elsewhere.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** T Rutland 5 Mar & Munter Trail 10 Mar possibly overwintered; only reports before arr KC & T Ellisburg 28 Mar.

**Black-backed Woodpecker:** T Colton 5 Mar & T Fine 11 Apr only reports.

**Northern Flicker:** max 42 migrating T Canton 14 Apr.

**American Kestrel:** small wave 8-11 Mar; widespread arr 21-23 Mar.

**Merlin:** reports from 40+ loc.

**Peregrine Falcon:** T Canton 16 Mar & 28 Apr; PRWMA 4 Apr; T Potsdam 20 May; T Piercefield 28 May; FD 5 May; ULLWMA 7 May; WP 30 May; numerous reports from 4 known or suspected nesting sites.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr T Watertown 26 Apr (R. Brouse) record early; only report before 2 May.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr FD & T Canton 25 Apr.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr T Fine 14 May; Tug Hill WMA 30 May; Cranberry L Biological Station 31 May; only reports.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr StPt & T Leyden 8 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr T Fine 15 May.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr FD 12 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr T Hounsfield 11 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr ICNC 25 Apr record early.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr T Parishville 15 Mar (S. Yenoli) early, only report before 25 Mar.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr Tug Hill WMA 1 May

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr Clarkson Univ & Diana 22 Apr.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** arr T Diana 9 May; 30 reports excellent showing.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr Munter Trail 2 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr T Deseriet 9 May.

**Northern Shrike:** last FD 5 Apr.

**Canada Jay:** max 2 T Piercefield 19 Mar; 3 reports of singles from SE STLA.

**Fish Crow:** T West Turin 24 May (G. Dashnau).

**Boreal Chickadee:** no reports.

**Horned Lark:** max 85 migrating up SLR WP 19 Mar.

**Bank Swallow:** arr T Rutland 2 May.

**Tree Swallow:** 2 arr T Watertown 22 Mar (B. Miller) early, only report before 3 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr Leishman Pt 16 Apr.

**Purple Martin:** arr LWMA 20 Apr.

**Barn Swallow:** arr WHWMA 11 Apr.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr Massena Intake 23 Apr.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr T West Turin 12 Apr; last obvious migrant ED 20 May.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 1<sup>st</sup> obvious migrants T Watertown 29 Mar.

**Bohemian Waxwing:** max 27 T Canton 12 Mar; last T Canton 21 Mar; reports from only 2 loc.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 80 Eel Weir SP 27 May.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr ICNC 25 Apr.

**House Wren:** arr KC 21 Apr.

**Winter Wren:** arr T Hermon 8 Apr.

**Sedge Wren:** arr T Clayton 25 Apr (T. & L. Somerville) early; LWMA 20-24 May (JBo, R. Brouse, R. Lewis); FD 26 & 31 May (JBo); only reports.

**Marsh Wren:** arr ULLWMA 18 Apr.

**Carolina Wren:** 14 reports mostly JEFF more than usual.

**Gray Catbird:** arr T Canton 28 Apr.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr T West Turin 10 Apr.

**Northern Mockingbird:** arr T West Turin 10 Apr.

- Eastern Bluebird:** widespread arr 10 Mar.  
**Veery:** arr FD & RRT 5 May.
- Gray-checked Thrush:** arr SUNY ESF Ranger School 7 May; 3 over T Dekalb 28 May only other report.
- Swainson's Thrush:** arr LBSF 11 May.
- Hermit Thrush:** arr T Croghan 6 Apr only report before 12 Apr.
- Wood Thrush:** arr RRT 26 Apr.
- American Pipit:** arr & max 230 T Leray 23 Mar high for so early; last FD 16 May.
- Evening Grosbeak:** ED 14 May (D. Dohne) only report.
- Pine Grosbeak:** last FD 2 Mar (JBo).
- Purple Finch:** max 24 RRT 17 Apr.
- Common Redpoll:** Heaviest movement 17 Mar incl max 280 FD & 220 T Canton; last T Canton 3 Apr.
- Red Crossbill:** 30+ reports from at least 21 loc mostly SE STLA thru; max 14 SUNY ESF Ranger School 14 Apr where nesting confirmed 31 May; improved coverage from winter.
- White-winged Crossbill:** max 25 near Peavine Swamp T Clifton 13 Apr where nesting probable; 3 other reports of transient birds SE STLA.
- Pine Siskin:** max 42 SUNY ESF Ranger School 9 Mar; widespread but numbers low outside ADK.
- American Goldfinch:** max 70 T Canton 27 mar.
- Snow Bunting:** max 275 T Lowville 15 Mar; last 70 WP flying up SLR 19 Mar.
- Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr FD 26 Apr where common; reports from 4 other loc JEFF; T Canton 21 May (N. Kachala, J. & J. Jones) unusual loc.
- Chipping Sparrow:** arr SUNY ESF Ranger School 6 Apr only report before widespread arr 13-15 Apr.
- Clay-colored Sparrow:** arr FD 6 May.
- Field Sparrow:** arr FD 11 Apr.
- Fox Sparrow:** arr T Croghan 28 Mar; max 5 RRT 16 Apr; last FD 25 Apr.
- American Tree Sparrow:** last ICNC 30 Apr.
- Dark-eyed Junco:** max 70 Whetstone Gulf SP 23 Apr.
- White-crowned Sparrow:** widespread arr 24 Apr; last FD 26 May.
- White-throated Sparrow:** max 35 T Fine 11 May.
- Vesper Sparrow:** arr FD 11 Apr; max 38 FD 18 Apr.
- Henslow's Sparrow:** Dog Hill Rd PRWMA 14 May & FD 24-31 May only reports.
- Savannah Sparrow:** singing T Orleans 22 Mar possibly winter survivor; FD 5 Apr only other report before widespread arr 13 Apr.
- Song Sparrow:** arr FD & T Watertown 9 Mar; ubiquitous by 17 Mar.
- Lincoln's Sparrow:** 3 on terr MM 9 May; T Canton 15 May only report away from ADK nesting sites.
- Swamp Sparrow:** 2 FD 17 Mar possibly winter survivors; arr FD 5 Apr.
- Eastern Towhee:** T Canton 28 Mar early; next T Hounsfield 6 Apr.
- Bobolink:** arr T Philadelphia 5 May.
- Eastern Meadowlark:** arr CV 17 Mar.
- Orchard Oriole:** arr ED 14 May (D. Dohne); WP 28 May (N. Kachala) only report away from W JEFF.
- Baltimore Oriole:** arr T Norwood 2 May.
- Brown-headed Cowbird:** arr T Canton 11 Mar.
- Rusty Blackbird:** arr ULLWMA 11 Mar; max 100 T Canton 8 May; last 2 migrants RRT 23 May.
- Ovenbird:** arr FD 2 May.
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** Corrigan Hill Rd T Martinsburg 26 Apr (M. Roggie); LBSF 11 May (N. Kachala); 2 Whetstone Gulf SP 13 May (M. Roggie); max 4 Morgan Gulf Rd T Turin (G. Dashnau); T Gouverneur 31 May (JBo); more than usual.
- Northern Waterthrush:** arr FD 25 Apr.
- Golden-winged Warbler:** silent in FD 3 May only report before more widespread arr 11 May.
- Blue-winged Warbler:** arr T Canton 7 May.
- Black-and-white Warbler:** arr ICNC 25 Apr.
- PROTHONOTARY WARBLER (R6):** Swamp Road T Lyme 28 May (M. Ingles).
- Tennessee Warbler:** arr T Canton & T Champion 11 May.
- Orange-crowned Warbler:** SUNY ESF Ranger School 1 May (N. Dickason) & FD 16 May (JBo) only reports.
- Nashville Warbler:** arr ICNC 25 Apr.
- Mourning Warbler:** arr T Ellisburg 14 May.
- Common Yellowthroat:** arr FD 3 May.
- Hooded Warbler:** arr LWMA 14 May.

**American Redstart:** arr Grand Lake Reserve 5 May.

**KIRTLAND'S WARBLER:** FD 16 May (JBo, K. Ongman, M. Simon) 2<sup>nd</sup> FD, JEFF & Regional record.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr RRT 4 May; last L Ozonia 28 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr Grand Lake Reserve, LBSF & T Dekalb 11 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr StPt 30 Apr.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr FD 10 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr FD & T Canton 11 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr T Lorraine 28 Apr.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr FD & T Watertown 26 Apr.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Clarkson Univ Munter Trail 5 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr T Lorraine 14 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr RWSP & T Clifton 7 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr T Canton & T Champion 14 Apr.

**Pine Warbler:** at feeder T Brasher 24-25 Mar possibly winter survivor; widespread arr 14 Apr.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** T Brasher 5 April 1<sup>st</sup> from loc where not known to have overwintered.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr CBr & FD 5 May.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr FD 25 Apr.

**Canada Warbler:** arr FD 11 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr ICNC & LWMA 14 May.

**SUMMER TANAGER (R6):** m StPt 18 May (S. Adair, photos!).

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr ULLWMA 6 May.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr T Canton 25 Apr.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr T Hounsfield 5 May.

#### EXOTICS

**Chukar:** Fields Rd T Hounsfield 18-19 Mar.

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Precipitation for March was heaviest along the border between Franklin and Clinton Counties where it averaged 4-5". Surrounding this was an area which averaged 3-4". Most of Hamilton County and the High Peaks Region were in the 3-4" zone as well. The Champlain Valley and the southern end of Franklin County got only 2-3". Temperatures for the month in most of Region 7 departed from the norm by 1-3°. The exceptions were the High Peaks Region which remained near normal and the eastern half of Franklin County plus an area that included Plattsburgh which were 3-5° above normal.

April was a wet month with some areas in each of the Region's four counties getting more than 7" of precipitation. In each case these areas were in the middle of larger areas where the rainfall totaled 6-7", which in turn were imbedded in areas of 5-6" rainfall totals. Only western Franklin and northern Hamilton Counties and the Champlain Valley got less than 5" of rain. Overall, April's temperatures were near normal. Only the High Peaks Region was 1-3° colder, and northern Franklin County

along with the Plattsburgh area were 1-3° warmer.

Temperatures in May averaged 3-5° above the norm almost everywhere in Region 7. However, western Hamilton County, eastern Franklin County, and the Plattsburgh area averaged 3-5° above normal. Rainfall totals increased in Region 7 from south to north. The southern portions of Essex and Hamilton Counties averaged 2-3". This increased to 3-4" in the remainder of those counties. The Champlain Valley averaged 4-5" of precipitation as did most of Franklin County and the northwest section of Clinton County. An average of 5-7" in the middle of Franklin County was the wettest for the Region.

Once again Lake Champlain did not freeze over entirely this year. The presence of at least some open water allowed some hardier waterfowl to linger throughout the winter and into the spring. In early March the open areas off Essex County and Ausable Point continued to contract, concentrating these birds even further. North of Ausable Point the ice sheet was solid from Valcour Island to Rouses Point except for a channel of open water maintained by the Cumberland Head Ferry. In mid-March warmer temperatures and strong winds opened the lake to the ferry. By the third week of March the lake was open to Isle la Mott and completely ice free by 1 April.

The level of Lake Champlain at the start of the spring quarter was just over 96' and it stayed there for the first week of March. By 12 March it had risen about 0.7' in what was the beginning of a stepwise process of rises followed by a flat stretch and repeat. By 28 March it had leveled off again at 98.3'. Then it jumped again to 98.9' by 11 April and peaked at 99.4' on 25 April. Flood stage of 100' was not reached at any time. However, there was enough seasonal flooding of the fields of the Chazy Riverlands to attract long-legged waders like Great Blue Heron, Great Egret, and Glossy Ibis. A nearly linear decline continued from the peak to 97.8' to mid-May. The lake ended the season at 97.5'. At these levels the mud flats of the Chazy Riverlands were not exposed, and shorebird sightings were few and far between. Black-bellied Plover and Semipalmated Plover, both normally seen in spring, were not reported at all.

One of the two **Tufted Ducks** present in the winter season lingered to mid-March. **Sandhill Crane** made a strong showing this season. Once again it bred at its Tupper Lake site. It was also seen at five other locations, in some cases more than once. Three **Glossy Ibis** were reported in mid-April at Chazy Riverlands. They were accompanied by a fourth *Plegadis* species which appeared intriguing for a Glossy x White-faced Ibis hybrid.

A silent **Nelson's Sparrow** was found on 31 May at Ausable Marsh WMA. Its race was not determined. Despite large amounts of suitable habitat, this species has been scarce and difficult to detect in Region 7, with most records coming from northern Clinton County's Kings Bay area where vast, cattail fringed farm fields meet the Lake Champlain shoreline. In the summer of 2002, during the second breeding bird atlas period, a singing Nelson's in northern Clinton County was heard seven days apart allowing for the designation as a probable breeder. Its dull coloration suggested it belonged to the *subvirgata* subspecies. This would be consistent with most of the records in the St Lawrence River in Canada near Trois Rivieres, some 85 miles north of Chazy.

For the third year in a row, a **Clay-colored Sparrow** was found in Essex County in the Champlain Valley. Like the prior sightings, a lone individual was found singing

in suitable habitat. There are no confirmed historic breeding records of this species in Region 7. It has been listed as a probable breeder in both the first and second breeding bird atlas periods and seems to be following the same trend for this current, third atlas.

**Grasshopper Sparrow** was also detected for a third consecutive year with reports from Essex and Clinton County. It's important to consider that prior to 2020, there was only one eBird record of this species in Region 7 (6 June 2014, Ticonderoga, G. Chapin). In the mid-1990s, the Plattsburgh Airforce Base hosted a substantial population, however, change in land use resulted in their disappearance and the species essentially became a sought out regional rarity. The persistence of Grasshopper Sparrow and other associated species of grassland birds in Region 7 is solely dependent on privately owned and managed hayfield operations. While certainly a rare breeder, there's hope that this species is under-detected given their secretive habits and lack of observer coverage within inaccessible large swaths of private land containing suitable habitat.

After a good showing in the Adirondack portions of the Region this past winter, Red Crossbill was confirmed breeding in around 20 Atlas blocks this season, and White-winged in five.

The rarity highlight of the season came from a mist net at Crown Point State Historic Site. On 13 May, and during its 47<sup>th</sup> consecutive spring in operation, the Crown Point bird banding station caught a **Yellow-breasted Chat**. There are no prior eBird records of this species in Region 7. However, "Birdlife of the Adirondack Park" (Beehler, 1978) refers to this species as occasional in spring in the Champlain District and cites two records from Geoffrey Carleton: Crown Point, May 1954 and Ticonderoga, 25 May 1957.

Although scarce, **Orchard Oriole** has been reported annually since 2014. Otherwise, eBird records show no prior observations. All but one of the records comes from the Champlain Valley region, mostly from Crown Point State Historic Site. Old, printed compilations for each of the four counties in Region 7 show only two previous reports, both in Essex County, one in 1979 and the other in 1993.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AM** – Ausable Marsh; **AP** – Ausable Pt; **BRR** – Bull Rock Rd; **Chur** – Churubusco; **CPSHS** – Crown Pt State Historic Site, **EPd** – Ensign Pd; **FCov** – Fort Covington; **HBO** – Hoisington Brook Outlet; **NP** – Noblewood P; **PaR** – Pardy Rd; **PH** – Port Henry; **PL** – Piseco L; **PO** – Plattsburgh Oval; **PS** – Paul Smiths; **SL** – Saranac L; **TI** – Ticonderoga; **TMt** – Tomany Mt; **WB** – Whallon Bay; **WBR** – Whallons Bay Rd; **WPt** – Willsboro Pt; **WRS** – Webb Royce Swamp. **Co-CF**, **-CN**, **-FL**, **-FY**, **-ON** – Atlas breeding codes.

**Snow Goose:** 10,000 Point Au Roche SP 13 Mar (TV).

**Cackling Goose:** PaR 21 Mar (DB).

**Wood Duck:** arr Lower La Chute Ri 10 Mar (EIG).

**Blue-winged Teal:** arr AP 3 Apr (DR).

**Northern Shoveler:** 5 FCov 16 Apr (SR).

**Gadwall:** 9 PaR 20 Mar (SR).

**American Wigeon:** 29 AM 17 Mar (GC).

**American Black Duck:** 178 PaR 20 Mar (SR).

**Northern Pintail:** 7 AP 11 Mar (DR).

**Green-winged Teal:** arr PH 7 Mar (SR).

**Canvasback:** CPSHS 19 Mar (CV).

**Redhead:** 10 Essex Ferry Dock 15 Mar (JS).

**Ring-necked Duck:** 100 AP 10 Mar (OS).

**TUFTED DUCK (R7):** Port Kent 9-15 Mar (m. ob.).

**Greater Scaup:** 180 Port Kent 10 Mar (OS).

**Lesser Scaup:** 42 Port Kent 15 Mar (JB).

**White-winged Scoter:** 3 NP 11 Apr (SR); 11 PL 26 Apr (GD).

**Long-tailed Duck:** Stony Pt 8 Apr (SyR).

**Bufflehead:** 70 AP 10 Mar (OS).

**Common Goldeneye:** 600 AP 10 Mar (OS).

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** CPSHS 19 Mar (JDE); HBO 30 Mar (StR).

**Common x Barrow's Goldeneye:** WPt 3 Apr (DHR).

**Hooded Merganser:** 6 AP 17 Mar (OS).

**Common Merganser:** 100 CPSHS 20 Mar (m. ob.)

**Red-breasted Merganser:** 8 WB 9 Apr (DHR).

**Wild Turkey:** max 42 Gabriels 18 Mar (EG).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** SL 24 Mar (BMc).

**Horned Grebe:** 4 Port Kent 15 Mar (JS).

**Red-necked Grebe:** 8 PL 16 Apr (JC).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr TI 13 May (Gl&MCh).

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr BRR 14 May (Gl&MCh).

**Common Nighthawk:** arr 3 Chur 9 May (SI).

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr FCov 7 May (TD).

**Chimney Swift:** arr, PH 6 May (SR).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr BRR 3 May (Gl&MCh).

**Virginia Rail:** arr 2 EPd 11 May (SR), late arrival date.

**Sora:** arr Chur 2 May (SI).

**Common Gallinule:** arr AP 21 May (BK).

**Sandhill Crane:** arr TI 29 Mar (LJ); Tupper L 30 May (BM), Co-FL; PaR 13 Apr (SR); FCov 18 & 26 Apr (JJ); PS 24 Apr (NM).

**Killdeer:** 2 NP 17 Mar (GC).

**Semipalmented Plover:** arr HBO 2 May (DHR).

**Dunlin:** arr Kings Bay 12 May (SR).

**Least Sandpiper:** arr 5 PaR 12 May (SR).

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** arr PaR 13 Apr (SR).

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** arr 5 Chazy Riverlands 16 May (BK).

**American Woodcock:** arr AP 11 Mar (DR).

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr 13 PaR Apr (SR).

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Indian L 16 Apr (JC).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Speculator 5 May (JCb).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** arr PaR 6 Apr (SR).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** arr Chazy Riverlands 12 Apr (BK).

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 91 PaR 8 Apr (DHR, SR).

**Iceland Gull:** PaR 13 Apr (SR).

**Glaucous Gull:** PO 16 Mar (SR). continuing.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** 3 AP 21 Mar (AB).

**Herring x Great Black-backed Gull:** NP 11 Apr & 2 May (SR, DHR, ph).

**Caspian Tern:** arr, Bulwagga Bay 27 Mar (SR); max, 56 NP 11 Apr (SR).

**Black Tern:** arr 3 FCov 10 May (MB, BM).

**Common Tern:** arr Bulwagga Bay 27 Apr (SR).

**Red-throated Loon:** PL 16 Apr (JC), rare in spring.

**Common Loon:** max 21 Cole Bay 23 Apr (SR).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** max 575 CPSHS 30 Apr (SR).

**American Bittern:** arr Essex Co. 11 Apr (JP); Hamilton Co. 11 April (GD).

**Least Bittern:** arr EPd 18 May (SR).

**Great Blue Heron:** arr Wilcox Dock 20 Mar (JJ).

**Great Egret:** arr AP 31 Mar (JB), early.

**Green Heron:** arr Angier Hill Rd, Essex 2 May (DHR).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** AM 27 May (KMc).

**Glossy Ibis:** 3 Chazy Riverlands 16-19 Apr (MMa, TF, ph), *intro*.

**Glossy/White-faced Ibis:** Chazy Riverlands 16 Apr (MMa, ph), *intro*.

**Black Vulture:** 7 TI 10 Mar (SR).

**Osprey:** 8 AP 26 Apr (KA).

**Golden Eagle:** 2 Sabbatis Bog 13 Mar (JW); TI 2 Apr (Gl&MCh); Meacham L 10 Apr (CV).

**Northern Harrier:** Ellenburg Depot 19 May (SI), Co-CF.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** 2 Keene Valley 28 May (NR).

**Northern Goshawk:** Newcomb 11 Mar (SR).

**Bald Eagle:** 3 Meacham L 23 Apr (ED); Owl's Head 13 May (JT), Co-ON.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** BRR 7 Mar (Gl&MCh).

**Broad-winged Hawk:** Santa Clara 17 Apr (JSa).

**Red-tailed Hawk:** 2 WB 20 Mar (SR).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** WBR 2 May (DHR), late.

**Eastern Screech Owl:** WPt 8 Apr (DHR).

**Great Horned Owl:** 2 Keene 5 May (MD).

**Barred Owl:** 2 LCI 21 Apr (NM).

**Short-eared Owl:** Essex 20 Apr (DHR).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Paradox 10 Mar (ElG).

**Belted Kingfisher:** 2 Oliver Pd 12 Apr (ElD).

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** 2 AM 14 Apr (WA).

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** 6 Chur 10 May (SI).

**Black-backed Woodpecker:** 2 PS 10 May (SI).

**Northern Flicker:** 3 WBR 24 Apr (CV).

**Pileated Woodpecker:** 2 Keese Mill 1 May (NM).

**American Kestrel:** 4 Chur 11 May (SI), Co-CF.

**Merlin:** 2 Vermontville 9 May (BM).

**Peregrine Falcon:** 2 Pyramid L 8 apr (ElG).

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr, PS 4 May (NM).

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr BRR 5 May (Gl&MCh).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr TMt 13 May (CK).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr PH 13 May (SR).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** EPd 18 May (SR).

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr Poke-O-Moonshine Mt 13 May (TD).

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr AM 14 May (KJ).

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Glenview Pres 25 Apr (DW).

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr PH 20 Mar (SR).

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr TI 19 May (SR).

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr TI 18 Apr (Gl&MCh).

**Philadelphia Vireo:** 2 Chapel Pd 28 May (JCI).

**Warbling Vireo:** arr AP 3 May (SR).

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr Chesterfield 3 May (TD).

**Northern Shrike:** Vermontville 8 APR (MB).

**Canada Jay:** Bloomingdale Bog 18 May (WA), Co-FY.

**Fish Crow:** 2 TI 24 Apr (GC); max. 8 NP 2 May (DHR).

**Common Raven:** 7 Rogers Rock 17 May (Gl&MCh).

**Boreal Chickadee:** 10 Newcomb 17 Mar (DM).

**Tufted Titmouse:** 4 AP 12 May (WA).

**Horned Lark:** 2 Chazy 16 Mar (SR).

**Bank Swallow:** arr 4 Chur 10 May (SI).

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- Tree Swallow:** arr CPSHS 20 Mar (JS).
- Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr WB 24 Apr (WS).
- Purple Martin:** arr Pardy Rd 13 Apr (NKS).
- Barn Swallow:** arr 2 Tupper L 13 Apr (GD).
- Cliff Swallow:** arr 18 WB 9 May (DHR).
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr 8 Pyramid L 14 Apr (EIG).
- Golden-crowned Kinglet:** 8 AP 14 Apr (WA).
- Bohemian Waxwing:** 20 SL 13 Mar (ML).
- Cedar Waxwing:** 19 Bloomingdale Bog 31 May (BMc).
- Red-breasted Nuthatch:** 6 FB 23 May (LM), Co-FY.
- Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr Oxbow L 16 Apr (JC).
- House Wren:** arr SL 3 May (DP).
- Winter Wren:** 4 Connery Pd 11 May (Gl&MCh).
- Sedge Wren:** Chur 18 May (SI); Ellenburg Depot 19 May (SI).
- Marsh Wren:** arr Chur 2 May (SI).
- Carolina Wren:** 2 CH 22 Mar (NO).
- Gray Catbird:** 12 Chur 15 May (NO).
- Brown Thrasher:** Breed Hill Rd, Essex 4 Apr (SR).
- Northern Mockingbird:** 2 PO 6 Apr (SR).
- Veery:** arr PS 30 Apr (LS).
- Bicknell's Thrush:** arr Whiteface Mt 22 May (DS).
- Swainson's Thrush:** arr Vermontville 9 May (BM).
- Hermit Thrush:** arr TI 2 Apr (Gl&MCh).
- Wood Thrush:** arr CPSHS 8 May (BMc).
- American Pipit:** arr 15 Gabriels 18 Mar (NM); Lake Placid 10 May (AB).
- Evening Grosbeak:** 10 Blue Mt Road 26 Mar (DH).
- Purple Finch:** EPd 11 May (SR), Co-CN.
- Red Crossbill:** 6 EPd 1 May (SR), Co-FL; confirmed breeding in approx. 20 Atlas blocks..
- White-winged Crossbill:** confirmed breeding in 5 Atlas blocks; Keese Mill 1 May (NM), last.
- Pine Siskin:** 6 TMt 15 May (CK), Co-FL.
- Snow Bunting:** 2 Newcomb 18 Mar (AC); 2 AL 12 Apr (GD), late.
- Grasshopper Sparrow:** Chur 16 May (SI); max 6 WBR 24 May (DHR, ph); *intro*.
- Chipping Sparrow:** arr Bulwagga Bay 23 Mar (SR).
- Clay-colored Sparrow:** WBR 24 Mar (DHR); *intro*.
- Field Sparrow:** arr Lake Placid 9 Apr (DH).
- Fox Sparrow:** arr PS 19 Mar (LS); 10 PS 24 Apr (CV).
- American Tree Sparrow:** Cumberland Head 26 Apr (NO).
- Dark-eyed Junco:** 13 Malone 22 Apr (BJ).
- White-crowned Sparrow:** arr PH 3 May (SR).
- Vesper Sparrow:** arr Lake Placid 9 Apr (DH); 17 Tupper L 14 Apr (GC), high count.
- Nelson's Sparrow:** AM 31 may (SR); *intro*.
- Savannah Sparrow:** arr Lake Placid 9 Apr (DH).
- Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr SL 8 May (AB); 2 TMt 15 May (CK), Co-CN.
- Swamp Sparrow:** arr AM 13 Apr (SR).
- Eastern Towhee:** arr WPt 8 Mar (DHR), early.
- Yellow-breasted Chat:** CPSHS 13 May (Banding Station, ph); *intro*.
- Bobolink:** arr, SL 30 Apr (LS).
- Eastern Meadowlark:** arr WBR 20 Mar (m. ob.).
- Orchard Oriole:** PL 10 May (CK).
- Baltimore Oriole:** arr Chazy 3 May (CB).
- Rusty Blackbird:** AM 13 Apr (SR).
- Ovenbird:** arr Swede Mt 3 May (Gl&MCh).
- Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr Riley Brook 30 Apr (Gl&MCh).
- Northern Waterthrush:** arr CPSHS 30 Apr (SR).
- Golden-winged Warbler:** 2 WRS 16 May (SR), Co-CN.
- Blue-winged Warbler:** arr WRS 12 May (JB).
- Black and White Warbler:** arr AP 25 APR (KA).
- Tennessee Warbler:** arr AM 12 May (WA).
- Nashville Warbler:** arr CPSHS 25 Apr (SF).
- Mourning Warbler:** arr Art Farm Trail 16 May (SR).
- Common Yellowthroat:** arr Duane 29 Apr (GG).
- American Redstart:** arr WPt 6 May (OS).
- Cape May Warbler:** arr Piseco 9 May (CK).
- Northern Parula:** arr PS 29 Apr (LS).

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr 7<sup>th</sup> Lake trail 5 May (GL).  
**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr PL 11 May (CK).  
**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr CPSHS 9 May (KA).  
**Yellow Warbler:** arr Gabriels 26 Apr (NM).  
**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Trout Ri 10 May (MB).  
**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Jockeybush L Trail 9 May (KS).  
**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr WPt 6 May (OS).  
**Palm Warbler:** arr Sabattis Bog 14 Apr (GD).  
**Pine Warbler:** arr NP 14 Apr (OS).

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** 12 PS 12 May (DP).  
**Prairie Warbler:** Mount Defiance 28 May (SR).  
**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr PL 26 Apr (GD).  
**Canada Warbler:** arr 4 TMt 13 May (CK).  
**Wilson's Warbler:** arr NP 13 May (DHR).  
**Scarlet Tanager:** arr Chesterfield 3 May (TD).  
**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Essex 2 May (DVO).  
**Indigo Bunting:** arr AM 12 May (SR)

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## REGION 8—HUDSON-MOHAWK

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<b>Temp</b>	Albany			Glens Falls		
	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	37.3°	35.7°	+1.6°	33.6°	31.7°	+1.9°
Apr	47.8°	48.1°	-0.3°	44.2°	44.6°	-0.4°
May	63.3°	59.6°	+3.7°	59.6°	56.5°	+3.1°
<b>Precip</b>	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
	3.35"	3.09"	+0.26"	3.29"	2.79"	+0.5"
Mar	5.00"	3.11"	+1.89"	4.75"	3.10"	+1.65"
Apr	1.85"	3.41"	-1.56"	1.73"	3.35"	-1.62"

The weather in March 2022 featured slightly above normal temperatures, and near normal precipitation amounts. There were two small snow events on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, but there was no snow cover recorded in Albany after 15 March. April had normal temperatures, but more than 150% of the average rainfall. The first ten days of May were cool, but the remainder of the month was quite warm, with highs of 90° F or above recorded on three days. It was quite dry as well, with only half the normal amount of rain.

Without question the birds-of-the-season in Spring 2022 were the **Arctic Terns** that were reported from at least three counties in the Region. They were part of the epic Arctic Tern displacement event that occurred across the mid-Atlantic states northward to eastern Pennsylvania, southeastern New York, and much of the southern New England states. The cool temperatures in early May, mentioned in the weather summary above, were in part due to a very large, persistent, and quasi-stationary low-pressure system in the western Atlantic Ocean that produced east-northeasterly onshore wind flow into the coastal waters and nearby inland areas for many days. The

birds in Region 8 showed up on 13 May. It has been speculated by some that the inland Arctic Terns were ‘tired and hungry’, intentionally moving inland looking to feed and rest up before continuing the journey northward to their breeding areas, after battling the unrelenting winds over the ocean. They weren’t ‘fallout’ or storm-pushed birds, as they didn’t show up inland until after the winds slackened. Hopefully someone will more fully explore this exceptional event in the future.

Brant made their annual breakout to the breeding grounds in a very narrow window this season, seen in this Region from 22 May to 24 May, primarily. A flyover **Tundra Swan** was reported at the Watervliet Reservoir on 9 March. **Eastern Whip-poor-will** were observed in seven of the eleven Region 8 counties, which is encouraging compared to counts in much of the last decade. **Black Tern** is seen annually during spring migration in low numbers, and there were two reports in mid-May, from Saratoga Lake, and Burden Lake in Rensselaer County. **Yellow-crowned Night-Heron** is an uncommon sighting away from coastal areas in New York State, so a report from the Mohawk River backwaters in Halfmoon, Saratoga County on 7 May was notable.

**Red-headed Woodpecker** are well-known in small colonies throughout eastern Ulster County, New York, and they might be a good source population for the birds that seem to be slowly expanding northward up the Hudson River. Two reports were received from Columbia County, in Hudson and West Lebanon in late April and May. There were just a handful of reports of **Olive-sided Flycatcher** in the Region, right at the end of the period, so perhaps the species moved a bit later than normal this year. We’ll wait for the June data and look at it again. A **White-eyed Vireo** was observed at Saratoga National Historical Park on 7 May, an unusual spring report for a species that is typically seen here only in autumn. Four **Bicknell’s Thrush** were recorded near the summit of Hunter Mountain in Greene County, one of the remaining strongholds in Region 8. **Clay-colored Sparrows** were returning birds in the Fort Edward Grasslands of Washington County and near Fort Plain in Montgomery County, but singing males were also noted in the Albany Pine Bush Preserve and in Hillsdale, Columbia County. For at least the third consecutive year a singing male **Prothonotary Warbler** was found at the Surrender March Trail south of Schuylerville, Saratoga County, on 25-26 May. Construction work along the trail may have pushed the bird farther away from its previous haunts, as it wasn’t observed thereafter, and it is a rather large swampy Hudson River backwater area. Marianne Friers found and photographed a **Yellow-throated Warbler** on 27 April at Yankee Hill Lock in Montgomery County.

236 species were reported during the period.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**APBP** – Albany Pine Bush Pres, ALBA; **AR** – Alcove Res, ALBA; **BCM** – Black Creek Marsh, ALBA; **BCR** – Basic Creek Res, ALBA; **BMB** – Bog Meadow Brook Nature Trail, SARA; **CCGP** – Coxsackie Creek Grasslands Pres, GREE; **CF** – Cohoes Flats, ALBA; **CL** – Collins L, SCHE; **CRM** – Cline Rd. Marsh, FULT; **FR** – Five Rivers EEC, ALBA; **FtEG** – Ft. Edward Grasslands, WASH; **FV** – Franklinton Vlaie, SCHO; **HP** – Huyck Pres, ALBA; **OCA** – Ooms Conservation Area, COLU; **PRWMA** – Partridge Run WMA, ALBA; **SNHP** – Saratoga National Historical P, SARA; **TR** – Tomhannock Res, RENN; **VFNHP** – Vischer Ferry Nature & Historic Pres, SARA; **WMP** – Wilson M. Powell Wildlife Sanctuary, COLU.

**Snow Goose:** max 775 Middleburgh SCHO 7 Mar.  
**Greater White-fronted Goose:** Schoharie Crossing MONT 8 Mar; Ft Miller WASH 10 Mar.  
**Brant:** max 1500 New Baltimore GREE 24 May.  
**Canada Goose:** max 15,000 FtEG 16 Mar.  
**Mute Swan:** max 9 BCR 27 May.  
**Tundra Swan:** Watervliet Res ALBA 9 Mar.  
**Wood Duck:** max 110 Schodack RENS 17 Mar.  
**Blue-winged Teal:** arr Schaghticoke WASH 17 Mar; max 21 VFNHP 13 Apr.  
**Northern Shoveler:** arr Niskayuna SCHE 11 Mar.  
**Gadwall:** arr Clermont COLU 6 Mar; max 23 Stanton Pd ALBA 10 Apr.  
**American Wigeon:** arr Schodack RENS 8 Mar; max 22 Schodack RENS 18 Mar.  
**Mallard:** max 500 Fish Creek Marina SARA 3 Mar.  
**American Black Duck:** max 100 Fish Creek Marina SARA 3 Mar.  
**Northern Pintail:** max 40 Schoharie Crossing MONT 6 Mar.  
**Green-winged Teal:** arr Copake COLU 3 Mar; max 250 Wrights Loop SARA 3 Apr.  
**Redhead:** max 5 Middleburgh SCHO 11 Mar.  
**Ring-necked Duck:** max 280 Saratoga L SARA 1 Apr.  
**Greater Scaup:** max 50 Saratoga L SARA 20 Apr.  
**Lesser Scaup:** max 220 Saratoga L SARA 14 Apr.

**White-winged Scoter:** arr Carlisle SCHO 7 Apr; max 8 Round L SARA 19 Apr.  
**Long-tailed Duck:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 19 Mar; max 50 Round L SARA 19 Apr.  
**Bufflehead:** max 94 Saratoga L SARA 30 Mar.  
**Common Goldeneye:** max 126 Greenwich WASH 5 Mar.  
**Hooded Merganser:** max 24 VFNHP 22 Mar.  
**Common Merganser:** max 600 Round L SARA 2 Apr.  
**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 8 Saratoga L SARA 9 Apr.  
**Ruddy Duck:** arr Coxsackie Res GREE 24 Mar; max 48 BCR 21 Apr.  
  
**Wild Turkey:** max 92 Germantown COLU 3 Mar.  
**Ruffed Grouse:** max 5 Amy's P WASH 23 Apr.  
  
**Pied-billed Grebe:** arr Schoharie Crossing MONT 8 Mar; max 6 Florida MONT 31 May, all recently fledged young.  
**Horned Grebe:** arr Niskayuna SCHE 10 Mar; max 34 Nassau L RENS 19 Apr.  
**Red-necked Grebe:** arr Catskill GREE 24 Mar; max 14 Hague WARR 16 Apr.  
  
**Rock Pigeon:** max 100 Stuyvesant COLU 8 Mar.  
**Mourning Dove:** max 60 Coveville SARA 8 Apr.

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** arr Papscanee I NP RENS 2 May; max 6 Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 22 May.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** arr FR 7 May; max 3 Schodack I SP RENS 20 May.

**Common Nighthawk:** arr Hoosick RENS 8 May; max 11 Consaul Rd, Colonie ALBA 21 May.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** arr Biers Rd, Coeymans Hollow ALBA 8 May; max 14 Malta Tech Park SARA 21 May.

**Chimney Swift:** arr Troy RENS 24 Apr; max 60 Normanskill Farm ALBA 8 May.

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** arr Kinderhook COLU 24 Apr; max 5 Ft Ann WASH 17 May.

**Virginia Rail:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 15 Mar; max 9 BCM 7 May.

**Sora:** arr BCM 14 Apr; 6 BCM 16 Apr; 3 Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 10 May; 2 Zim Smith Trail SARA 15 May.

**Common Gallinule:** arr Knox Wetland ALBA 23 Apr; 2 Knox Wetland ALBA 26 Apr; 2 VFNHP 7 May; 2 Clemons Marsh WASH 10 May; 2 BCM 16 May.

**American Coot:** max 2 Niskayuna RR Sta SCHE 11 Mar.

**Sandhill Crane:** Spring Run Trail SARA 5 Mar; 11 Chatham COLU 20 Mar; Palenville GREE 25 Mar; Guilderland ALBA 16 Apr; Glenmont ALBA 16 Apr; Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 24 Apr; 2 VFNHP 12 May; Bethlehem ALBA 25 May.

**Black-bellied Plover:** CF 31 May, only report.

**Semipalmented Plover:** max 30 Wrights Loop SARA 19 May.

**Killdeer:** max 20 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 19 May.

**Dunlin:** max 17 Wrights Loop SARA 20 May.

**Least Sandpiper:** max 78 The Crossings ALBA 17 May.

**White-rumped Sandpiper:** max 3 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 20 May.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** max 20 The Crossings ALBA 14 May.

**Semipalmented Sandpiper:** max 35 CF 31 May.

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** Wrights Loop SARA 17 May; CF 21 May; 10 Dome Island Mem Sanc WARR 30 May.

**American Woodcock:** arr Ancram COLU 7 Mar; max 11 Guilderland ALBA 15 Apr.

**Wilson's Snipe:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 15 Mar; max 16 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 26 Apr.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** arr Henry Hudson P ALBA 9 Apr; max 12 Catskill GREE 20 May.

**Solitary Sandpiper:** arr Coxsackie GREE 1 Apr; 12 VFNHP 7 May.

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** max 12 CF 14 May.

**Greater Yellowlegs:** max 7 Wrights Loop SARA 8 May.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 15 Stillwater Riverfront P SARA 21 Mar; 19 AR 16 Apr; 50 Saratoga L SARA 19 Apr; 28 Nassau L RENS 19 Apr; 20 Henry Hudson P ALBA 19 Apr; 10 Cobleskill Res SCHO 26 Apr; 18 Great Sacandaga Lake FULT 1 May.

**Ring-billed Gull:** max 280 Coxsackie GREE 7 Mar.

**Herring Gull:** max 700 Fultonville MONT 11 Mar.

**Iceland Gull:** max 4 Fultonville MONT 11 Mar.

**Lesser Black-backed Gull:** 2 Coeymans Landing ALBA 22 May; Fultonville MONT 6 Mar; Coxsackie GREE 9 Apr.

**Glaucous Gull:** Fultonville MONT 11 Mar, only report.

**Great Black-backed Gull:** max 16 Fultonville MONT 11 Mar.

**Caspian Tern:** 2 Round L SARA 9 Apr; 2 Saratoga L SARA 10 May.

**Black Tern:** 4 Saratoga L SARA 20 May; Burden L RENS 22 May.

**Common Tern:** Nutten Hooke COLU 14 May; 2 Saratoga L SARA 20 May.

**ARCTIC TERN (R8):** 11 BCR 13 May; 2 TR 13 May; Saratoga L SARA 20 May, remarkable inland records, NYSARC.

**Red-throated Loon:** Round L SARA 9 Apr; New Baltimore GREE 6 May.

**Common Loon:** max 22 Saratoga L SARA 9 Apr.

**Double-crested Cormorant:** arr Colonie ALBA 10 Mar; max 263 Bob & Betty Cummings Mem P WASH 17 Apr.

**American Bittern:** arr VFNHP 5 Apr; max 7 BCM 16 Apr.

**Least Bittern:** arr BCM 22 Apr; max 3 BCM 21 May.

**Great Blue Heron:** 8 RamsHorn-Livingston Sanc GREE 15 Mar; 28 TR 13 Apr; 15 Saratoga Springs SARA 6 May; 11 VFNHP 4 Apr; 8 Bear Swamp Pres ALBA 8 Apr; 11 Ancram COLU 14 Apr; 11 Argyle WASH 14 Apr.

**Great Egret:** arr Green Island ALBA 3 Apr; max 2 mult loc.

**Green Heron:** arr Collins Creek SCHE 17 Apr; max 5 CRM 14 May.

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** arr Albany waterfront ALBA 17 Apr; VFNHP 1 May; Ft Ann WASH 1 May.

**YELLOW-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON (R8):** Halfmoon SARA 7 May.

**Black Vulture:** max 20 Hudson COLU 30 May.

**Turkey Vulture:** max 56 Clemons Marsh WASH 23 Apr.

**Osprey:** arr Burden L RENS 23 Mar.

**Golden Eagle:** last West Kill Mt GREE 10 Apr.

**Northern Harrier:** max 8 Coxsackie GREE 8 Mar.

**Sharp-shinned Hawk:** reported in all eleven counties.

**Cooper's Hawk:** reported in all eleven counties.

**Northern Goshawk:** Middleburgh SCHO 6 Mar, only report.

**Bald Eagle:** max 52 Germantown COLU 4 Mar, high count.

**Red-shouldered Hawk:** max 3 Catskill GREE 7 Mar.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 13 Apr; max 13 Round L SARA 24 Apr.

**Red-tailed Hawk:** max 6 BCM 21 Apr.

**Rough-legged Hawk:** last Putnam WASH 5 Apr; max 7 FtEG 3 Mar.

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** max 3 Henry Hudson P ALBA 30 May, three juv in nest cavity.

**Great Horned Owl:** max 5 Athens GREE 2 May, two ad and three juv.

**Snowy Owl:** FtEG 3-30 Mar; Schenectady SCHE 7 Mar.

**Barred Owl:** max 5 Rensselaerville SF ALBA 18 Mar.

**Short-eared Owl:** max 10 FtEG 16 Mar; Coxsackie GREE 22 Mar, singleton.

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Cobleskill SCHO 4 Mar; Bolton WARR 31 May.

**Belted Kingfisher:** max 5 VFNHP 6 May; 5 Bear Swamp Pres ALBA 16 May.

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** Hand Hollow Cons Area COLU 29 Apr; Hudson COLU 19 May.

**Red-bellied Woodpecker:** max 12 Greenport Cons Area COLU 12 May.

**Yellow-bellied Sapsucker:** max 12 Ancram COLU 26 Apr.

**Downy Woodpecker:** max 15 VFNHP 18 Apr.

**Hairy Woodpecker:** max 5 VFNHP 16 Mar.

**Northern Flicker:** max 18 APBP 16 Apr.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** Max 5 Niskayuna RR Sta SCHE 10 Mar.

**American Kestrel:** max 6 FtEG 6 Apr.

**Merlin:** max 3 Normanskill Farm ALBA 14 Apr; 3 Schaghticoke RENS 20 Apr.

**Peregrine Falcon:** max 4 Dunn Mem Brdg, Rensselaer RENS 21 May, ad and three juv.

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** arr Landis Arboretum SCHO 25 Apr; max 10 Schodack I SP RENS 20 May.

**Eastern Kingbird:** arr FR 22 Apr; max 8 BCM 14 May.

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** arr APBP 16 May; DEC Warrensburg WARR 16 May. Only six reports, all singletons.

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** arr Guilderland ALBA 2 May; max 9 Winn Pres ALBA 31 May.

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** arr Ann Lee Pond ALBA 17 May; max 4 Hunter Mt GREE 27 May.

**Acadian Flycatcher:** Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 20 May; Lake Taghkanic SP COLU 24 May; Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 28 May.

**Alder Flycatcher:** arr Nassau L RENS 11 May; max 7 BMB 21 May.

**Willow Flycatcher:** arr Catskill GREE 9 May; max 10 BMB 20 May.

**Least Flycatcher:** arr Albany ALBA 25 Apr; max 9 Mt Tom SF WASH 14 May.

**Eastern Phoebe:** arr Ancram COLU 10 Mar; max 14 FR 12 Apr.

**WHITE-EYED VIREO (R8):** SNHP 7 May.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 1 May; max 7

Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 21 May.

**Blue-headed Vireo:** arr Hunter GREE, APBP 14 Apr; max 10 Poestenkill Comm Forest RENS 1 May.

**Philadelphia Vireo:** Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 23 May.

**Warbling Vireo:** arr Wrights Loop SARA 25 Apr; max 25 VFNHP 18 May.

**Red-eyed Vireo:** arr Hillsdale COLU 5 May; max 22 Amy's P WARR 27 May.

**Northern Shrike:** FtEG 6 Mar; Stony Creek WASH 18 Mar.

**Blue Jay:** max 82 Olana SHS COLU 6 May.

**American Crow:** max 1500 Hudson Shores P ALBA 6 Mar.

**Fish Crow:** max 64 APBP 11 Apr.

**Common Raven:** max 7 Ft Ann WASH 16 May, Hague WARR 17 May.

**Black-capped Chickadee:** max 45 Amy's P WARR 23 Apr.

**Tufted Titmouse:** max 17 Saratoga Springs SARA 10 May.

**Horned Lark:** max 120 Cambridge WASH 13 Mar; last Schenectady Co Arpt SCHE 30 May.

**Bank Swallow:** arr Schaghticoke RENS 20 Apr; max 20 mult loc.

**Tree Swallow:** arr 2 Stockport Flats COLU 8 Mar; max 500 Round L SARA 28 Apr.

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** arr 2 Chatham COLU 2 Apr; max 40 Lock 7 State Canal P SCHE 18 May.

**Purple Martin:** arr 4 Saratoga Springs Waterfront P SARA 9 Apr; max 45 Saratoga L SARA 21 May.

**Barn Swallow:** arr Ann Lee Pond ALBA 8 Apr; max 30 Schaghticoke RENS 23 May.

**Cliff Swallow:** arr Burden L RENS 23 Apr; max 16 Schoharie Creek, Fulton SCHO 31 May.

**Ruby-crowned Kinglet:** arr Schodack RENS 6 Apr; max 55 FR 23 Apr.

**Golden-crowned Kinglet:** max 18 SNHP 13 Apr.

**Cedar Waxwing:** max 50 Delmar ALBA 28 Mar.

**Red-breasted Nuthatch:** max 20 Amy's P WARR 30 May.

**White-breasted Nuthatch:** max 15 Peebles I SP SARA 14 Mar.

**Brown Creeper:** max 9 Johnsburg WARR 18 Apr.

**Blue-gray Gnatcatcher:** arr 2 Dwaas Kill NP SARA 14 Apr; max 13 Ballston Creek Pres SARA 30 Apr.

**House Wren:** arr 2 FR 16 Apr; max 15 FR 10 May.

**Winter Wren:** max 6 Rensselaerville SF ALBA 17 Apr, Hunter Mt GREE 27 May.

**Marsh Wren:** arr Vosburgh Swamp WMA GREE 26 Mar; max 18 BCM 21 May,

**Carolina Wren:** max 7 Schodack RENS 4 Apr.

**Gray Catbird:** arr Schodack RENS 24 Apr; max 32 Zim Smith Trail SARA 24 May.

**Brown Thrasher:** arr 2 Catskill GREE 11 Apr; max 5 Kinderhook COLU 10 May.

**Northern Mockingbird:** max 12 The Crossings ALBA 24 May.

**European Starling:** max 5000 Schodack RENS 11 Mar.

**Eastern Bluebird:** max 20 Ghent COLU 29 Mar.

**Veery:** arr Austerlitz COLU 27 Apr; max 15 Schodack I SP RENS 22 May.

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** APBP 24 May, only report.

**Bicknell's Thrush:** 4 Hunter Mt GREE 27 May, only report.

**Swainson's Thrush:** arr Austerlitz COLU 4 May; max 6 Plateau Mt GREE 6 May.

**Hermit Thrush:** max 15 The Crossings ALBA 24 Apr.

**Wood Thrush:** arr BCM 24 Apr; max 25 Schodack I SP RENS 17 May.

**American Robin:** max 200 Saratoga Springs SARA 17 Mar.

**House Sparrow:** max 40 mult loc.

**American Pipit:** max 16 Staats I Rd RENS 16 May; last Wrights Loop SARA 12 May.

**Evening Grosbeak:** 2 Bolton Landing WARR 11 May; 4 Streeter Pd WARR 22 May.

**House Finch:** max 20 Albany ALBA 9 Mar.  
**Purple Finch:** max 30 Brant L WARR 1 Mar.  
**Common Redpoll:** 2 Schodack RENS 1 Mar; Voorheesville ALBA 26 Mar; Nassau RENS 5 Apr.  
**Red Crossbill:** max 12 Mt Tom SF WASH 8 May.  
**Pine Siskin:** max 20 Padanarum Rd WARR 26 Mar.  
**American Goldfinch:** max 90 Saratoga Springs SARA 19 Apr.

**Lapland Longspur:** Hartford WASH 1 Mar.  
**Snow Bunting:** max 250 Fultonville MONT 2 Mar; last 30 Livingston COLU 25 Mar.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** arr Ghent COLU 6 May; max 8 Saratoga Co Arpt 20 May.  
**Chipping Sparrow:** arr Clemons Marsh WASH 25 Mar; max 24 Henry Hudson P ALBA 25 Apr.  
**Clay-colored Sparrow:** APBP 21 May; Copake COLU 25 May; Ft Plain MONT 31 May.  
**Field Sparrow:** arr Ghent COLU 1 Mar; max 25 Easton WASH 25 May.  
**Fox Sparrow:** arr Glenmont ALBA 10 Mar; max 4 mult loc.  
**American Tree Sparrow:** max 20 Halfmoon SARA 1 Mar; last Westerlo ALBA 30 Apr.  
**Dark-eyed Junco:** max 210 APBP 31 Mar, high count.  
**White-crowned Sparrow:** arr Ballston SARA 24 Apr; max 9 Normanskill Farm ALBA 8 May.  
**White-throated Sparrow:** max 60 Normanskill Farm ALBA 25 Apr.  
**Vesper Sparrow:** arr Ancram COLU 10 Apr; max 6 Staats I Rd RENS 25 Apr.  
**Savannah Sparrow:** arr FR 10 Apr; max 17 W Charlton SARA 26 Apr.  
**Song Sparrow:** max 57 VFNHP 25 Mar.  
**Lincoln's Sparrow:** arr E Hoosick RENS 4 May; max 3 Normanskill Farm ALBA 20 May.  
**Swamp Sparrow:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 4 Mar; max 40 BCM 14 Apr.  
**Eastern Towhee:** arr FR 2 Apr; max 20 Lake Taghkanic SP COLU 3 May.  
  
**Bobolink:** arr FR 30 Apr; max 40 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 14 May.  
**Eastern Meadowlark:** max 6 Canajoharie MONT 22 Apr.

**Orchard Oriole:** arr Greenport COLU 30 Apr; max 4 Hannacroix Ravine ALBA 16 May, APBP 21 May.

**Baltimore Oriole:** arr Austerlitz COLU 27 Apr; max 20 Grafton RENS 21 May.

**Red-winged Blackbird:** max 5000 Staats I Rd RENS 11 Mar.

**Brown-headed Cowbird:** max 200 Castleton RENS 15 Mar.

**Rusty Blackbird:** arr Ancram COLU 11 Mar; 60 Round L SARA 25 Mar; 18 VFNHP 25 Mar; 19 BCM 10 Apr; 38 Papscanee I NP RENS 11 Apr; 46 BMB 14 Apr; 20 Cline Rd Marsh West FULT 24 Apr.

**Common Grackle:** max 5000 StaatsI Rd RENS 11 Mar.

**Ovenbird:** arr Ancram COLU 26 Apr; max 40 Amy's P WARR 11 May.

**Worm-eating Warbler:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 5 May; max 5 Deer Mt NT ALBA 30 May.

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** arr FR 7 Apr; max 4 mult loc.

**Northern Waterthrush:** arr Papscanee I NP RENS 25 Apr; max 5 Zim Smith Trail SARA 16 May.

**Golden-winged Warbler:** Putnam WASH 21 May; Clemons Marsh WASH 21 May; 2 Whitehall WASH 28 May.

**Blue-winged Warbler:** arr Austerlitz COLU 25 Apr; max 13 FR 13 May.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** arr Schodack I SP RENS 16 Apr; max 15 Lake Taghkanic SP COLU 5 May.

**Prothonotary Warbler:** Surrender March Trail, Schuylerville SARA 25-26 May.

**Tennessee Warbler:** arr Valatie COLU 6 May; max 14 Schodack I SP RENS 20 May.

**Nashville Warbler:** arr Shenantaha P SARA 24 Apr; max 6 Loughberry L SARA 13 May.

**Mourning Warbler:** arr Ghent COLU 13 May; max 3 Willow GREE 22 May.

**Common Yellowthroat:** arr Ancram COLU 26 Apr; max 45 Zim Smith Trail SARA 16 May.

**Hooded Warbler:** arr Guilderland ALBA 6 May; Ancram COLU 14 May; Ghent COLU 16 May; New Scotland ALBA 21 May; Normanskill Pres W ALBA 27 May; Schoharie Creek, Fulton SCHO 31 May.

**American Redstart:** arr 2 Zim Smith Trail SARA 29 Apr; max 55 Schodack I SP RENS 17 May.

**Cape May Warbler:** arr VFNHP 28 Apr; max 3 Ballston SARA 15 May.

**Cerulean Warbler:** arr Papscanee I NP RENS 12 May; 5 Schodack I SP RENS 17 May; 3 Copake COLU 17 May; Overmountain Cons Area COLU 21 May.

**Northern Parula:** arr 2 VFNHP 29 Apr; max 6 VFNHP 8 May.

**Magnolia Warbler:** arr FR 3 May; max 11 Plateau Mt GREE 30 May.

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** arr Greenport COLU 12 May; max 4 APBP 15 May.

**Blackburnian Warbler:** arr Ballston Creek Pres SARA 27 Apr; max 26 Haines Falls GREE 14 May.

**Yellow Warbler:** arr VFNHP 22 Apr; max 40 Schodack I SP RENS 17 May.

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 1 May; max 25 Overmountain Cons Area COLU 14 May.

**Blackpoll Warbler:** arr Deer Mt NT ALBA 7 May; max 16 Plateau Mt GREE 30 May.

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** arr Anchor Diamond P SARA 28 Apr; max 20 Haines Falls GREE 14 May.

**Palm Warbler:** arr Drowned Lands Swamp Cons Area COLU 4 Apr; max 24 VFNHP 18 Apr.

**Pine Warbler:** arr Queensbury WARR 31 Mar, early; max 8 Tongue Mt Rng WARR 13 May.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler:** max 190 VFNHP 28 Apr, high count.

**YELLOW-THROATED WARBLER (R8):** Yankee Hill Lock MONT 27 Apr.

**Prairie Warbler:** arr Guilderland ALBA 29 Apr; max 16 APBP 16 May.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** arr 2 Berlin RENS 25 Apr; max 14 Amy's P WARR 15 May.

**Canada Warbler:** arr Pittsburgh RENS 11 May; max 10 Edinburg SARA 27 May.

**Wilson's Warbler:** arr Guilderland ALBA 6 May; max 2 mult loc.

**Scarlet Tanager:** arr UAlbany Pd ALBA 5 May; max 12 Lake Taghkanic SP COLU 17 May.

**Northern Cardinal:** max 29 Spring Run Trail SARA 11 Mar.

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** arr Albany ALBA 22 Apr; max 13 VFNHP 13 May.

**Indigo Bunting:** arr Austerlitz COLU 1 May; max 5 Wilton Wildlife Pres SARA 17 May.

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## REGION 9—HUDSON-DELAWARE

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March started off cold with temperatures in single digits around the Region on 4 March. Poughkeepsie data showed a low of 12° F on 4 March and a high of 73° on 18 March, an average of 40.4°, 2.8° above normal. There was a total of 3.35" of precipitation, .26" above normal. April started off cold but warmed quickly. The dominant weather factor was the continuous northwest winds which held migration back considerably. There was a high of 85° on 14 April and a low of 27° on 18 April with an average temperature of 48.5°, .5° below average. Precipitation totalled 5.12", 1.5" above normal, making it a cold, wet month. May was typical with a low of 33° on 9 May (higher elevations had frost) and a high of 93° on 31 May producing an average temperature of 62.5°, 3° above normal. There was a total of 3.18" of precipitation, .29" below normal.

Geese were prevalent the first week of the period. **Ross's** and **Pink-footed Geese** were found at James Baird SP by Liz Martens, while Cackling and Greater White-fronted Geese were seen in several locations around the Region.

On 8 April Ari Weiss discovered a Trumpeter Swan on Lake Tappan in Rockland County. A few lucky birders were able to view the bird before it departed, all too soon. On 3 March the author was scanning the Bashakill for waterfowl when he came across a distant flock of swans which proved to be 15 **Tundra Swans**. Fortunately, the birds remained for a week so many birders were able to view them. This was the first of several reports around the Region this spring.

On 19 April an unprecedented fallout took place along the Hudson River, the result of a major nor'easter with intense winds. Long-tailed Duck, Horned and Red-necked Grebe, White-winged Scoter and Bonaparte's Gulls were all recorded in record number. Tom Burke and Gail Benson reported over 100 Red-necked Grebes on the Hudson River, a Regional record.

There were many reports of Sandhill Cranes this spring. The pair at the Wallkill River NWR bred again, this time producing a single chick which unfortunately disappeared in late May.

On 18 March Sean Camillieri spotted two **Razorbills** off the beach at Edith G. Read Nature Center in Westchester County. They were observed by several birders before departing.

On 18-19 April there was an unprecedented high number of Bonaparte's Gulls reported along the Hudson River with many hundreds recorded at several locations. On 9 April Tom Warren nicely photographed an adult **Little Gull** as it passed Rockefeller State Park along the Hudson River. This is a rare spring record for this species.

On 13 May at 8 a.m. the author was on Haven Road at the Bashakill when four terns flew by. Within an hour 14 more terns arrived and eventually another two joined them. Initially thinking the terns to be Common Terns which would be the expected species in the county, he alerted local birders, several of whom were able to see the birds as well. He followed the birds around the marsh taking an abundance of photos, all of which were ultimately confirmed by Shai Mitra and Pat Lindsay to be **Arctic Terns**. The birds remained throughout the morning, suddenly disappearing around noon. Shortly thereafter, reports of an unprecedented influx of Arctic Terns into the northeast were posted. By midafternoon reports of Arctic Terns came from all over the Hudson Valley! Many birders were able to view these birds during this first-ever phenomenon resulting from a dense fog bank off the coast disorienting the birds and an easterly wind pushing them inland. Surprisingly, three days later a few more birds were found at Kingston Point in Ulster County. Very remarkable is the fact that all counties in Region 9 had Arctic Terns during this event!

On 28 May while viewing birds on the Newburgh Waterfront Bruce Nott noticed an unusual cormorant. Initially thinking Great Cormorant, he, along with Ken McDermott studied the bird closely. Fortunately, Bruce was able to get many identifying photos proving the bird to be a **Neotropic Cormorant**! This is not only a first Orange County record but also a first for Region 9. The bird continued through the period, and well beyond.

On 5 May Eileen Stickle got word of an unusual bird perched on Spook Hill Road in Dutchess County. When she arrived, she identified it as a **Swallow-tailed**

**Kite!** Unfortunately, the bird was chased off by a Cooper's Hawk and could not be relocated. On 22 May Jeanne Cimorelli spotted a **Mississippi Kite** flying over Ironwood Drive in Sterling Forest State Park. The bird was seen one more time the following day.

On 11 April Keven McGrath noted a major movement of **Northern Gannets** offshore of Edith G. Reed Nature Sanctuary. Tom Burke and Gail Benson were able to arrive and enjoy much of the event.

On 20 March Robert Miller spotted a **Snowy Owl** in the Stone Church Road wetlands of Ulster County, a rare spring record; the bird did not linger.

On 21 March the author spotted six **Red Crossbills** gritting on Hunter Road in the town of Neversink; they immediately took off. Upon arrival at Cooley Bog, he found many Pine Siskins exhibiting breeding behavior. The following day Renee Davis found a group of Red Crossbills at Cooley Bog. Both species remained for several weeks but could not be confirmed breeding. A pair of Red Crossbills was also found in Black Rock Forest in Orange County.

On 31 March Karalyn Lamb discovered a rare spring **LeConte's Sparrow** at Croton Point Park. Though none had been seen since December, it makes one wonder if the bird might have been present the entire time.

Rare at any time in the Region, but especially away from the winter season, a **Boat-tailed Grackle** was seen on 15 April at Marshlands Conservancy by Gail Benson and Tom Burke.

On 12 April Kevin McGrath was excited to see a male **Yellow-throated Warbler** at Cranberry Lake Preserve in Westchester County. Several people were able to view the bird, and though it remained only that afternoon it was just the first of several reports in the Region.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**AP** – Apollo Plaza, SULL; **AR** – Ashokan Res , ULST; **BCF** – Blue Chip Farm, ULST; **BFAS** – Buttercup Farm Audubon Sanctuary, DUTC; **BMSP** – Bear Mt SP, ROCK; **BP** – Browns Pd, ORAN; **BSWMA** – Bashakill State WMA, SULL; **BW** – Beacon Waterfront, DUTC; **CFSP** – Clarence Fahnestock SP, PUTN; **CIOES** – Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies, DUTC; **CMACS** – Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary, DUTC; **CPP** – Croton Pt P, WEST; **CRS** – Croton Railroad Station, WEST, **DHCLP** – D and H Canal Linear P, SULL; **DR** – Doodletown Rd, ROCK; **DRT** – Dutchess Rail Trail, DUTC; **EGR** – Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, WEST; **EMLHP** – Esopus Meadows Lighthouse P, ULST; **FPNC** – Forsythe P and Nature Center, ULST; **FDRSP** – Franklin D. Roosevelt SP, WEST; **GL** – Glenmere L, ORAN; **GMP** – Glasco Mini P, ULST; **GV** – Great Vly WMA, ULST; **HS** – Harcourt Sanctuary, ULST; **HVRT** – Harlem Valley Rail Trail, DUTC; **II** – Iona I, ROCK; **KL** – Kiamesha L, SULL; **KP** – Kingston Pt, ULST; **LGC** – Laurel Grove Cemetery, ORAN; **LM** – Liberty Marsh, ORAN; **LNP** – Lenoir Nature Pres, WEST; **LR** – Larchmont Res, WEST; **MC** – Marshlands Conservancy, WEST; **MF** – Muscoot Farm, WEST; **MNSP** – Mills-Norrie SP, DUTC; **MP** – Morningside P, SULL; **MPHW** – Mount Peter Hawk Watch, ORAN; **MRCC** – Mariondale Retreat and Conference Center, WEST; **NCR** – New Croton Res, WEST; **NR** – Neversink Res, SULL; **NW** – Newburgh Waterfront, ORAN; **OCBDR** – Orange County Black Dirt Region, ORAN; **OINP** – Oscawana I Nature Pres, WEST; **OMRLMSP** – Ogden Mills and Ruth Livingston Mills SP, DUTC; **PHP** – Peach Hill P, DUTC; **PITN** – Pine Island Turf Nursery, ORAN; **PP** – Piermont Pier, ROCK; **RL** – Rhinecliff Landing, DUTC; **RLSP** – Rockland L SP, ROCK; **RNC** – Rye Nature Center, WEST; **RR** – Rondout Res, SULL; **RSP** – Rockefeller SP, WEST; **SFSP** – Sterling Forest SP, ORAN; **SGNWR** – Shawangunk Grasslands NWR, ULST; **SHSR** – Six and a Half Station Rd, ORAN; **SS** – Sleightsburg Spit, ULST; **SSF** – Stewart State Forest, ORAN; **TBWMA** – Tivoli Bays WMA, DUTC; **THMUA** – Taconic-Herford Multiple Use Area, DUTC; **VFEP** – Vassar Farms and Ecological Pres, DUTC; **WL** – Wickham L, ORAN; **WPFP** – West Point Foundry Pres, PUTN; **WRNWR** – Wallkill Ri NWR, ORAN; Widespread - WS.

**Snow Goose:** max 3500 OCBDR 1-15 Mar (LS, mob).

**Ross's Goose:** James Baird SP DUTC 2-7 Mar (LMa, mob); Camel Farm ORAN 12 Mar (JCim), *intro*.

**Greater White-fronted Goose:** RLSP 2-11 Mar (JCin, mob); Bowman Ave Pd WEST 2 Mar (LW).

**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE:** James Baird SP 2 Mar (JM, LMa).

**Brant:** 565 Sand Dock Road Trail DUTC 12 May (CCh); max 650 PP 16 May (AWei, mob); max 800 NWF 16 May (RDi, JCim); 6000 Saugerties Lighthouse ULST 24 May (RM); 4500 New Hamburg Yacht Club DUTC 24 May (DvZ), ws reps.

**Cackling Goose:** James Baird SP 3-11 Mar (SCar, mob); BSWMA 7-9 Mar (JH, mob); Camel Farm 7 Mar (JCim).

**Mute Swan:** max 172 Congers L ROCK 1 Mar (SB, mob).

**TRUMPETER SWAN (R9):** Lake Tappan ROCK 8 Mar (AWei, mob), *intro*.

**Tundra Swan:** 15 BSWMA 3-9 Mar (JH, mob); 7 Swan L SULL 13-14 Mar (RDa, mob); 4 OCBDR 19-20 Mar (MZ, mob); New Paltz ULST 7-12 Apr (LB, mob), *intro*.

**Wood Duck:** max 150 BSWMA 1-7 Mar (JH, mob).

**Blue-winged Teal:** 3 Lake Tappan 8 Mar (AWei); 2 WRNWR 10 Mar (DW); max 4 BSWMA 18-24 Mar (JH, mob).

**Northern Shoveler:** max 6 WRNWR 6-8 Mar (KK, mob); max 8 BSWMA 7-24 Mar (JH); max 2 Orange L ORAN 7-8 Mar (KM, RDi); max 12 CPP 3-6 Mar (CR, mob); 6 Saugerties Lighthouse 7 Mar (RM); max 8 Congers L 8 Mar (ML).

**Gadwall:** max 10 WL 4-25 Mar (RDi); max 32 FDR SP WEST 4-8 Mar (AS, mob); max 14 Beaver Pond ORAN 5-18 Mar (KMi, mob); ws reps.

**American Wigeon:** max 18 FDR P WEST 1-18 Mar (AS, mob); max 10 Citgo Pd ORAN 10-18 Mar (JCim, mob).

**American Black Duck:** max 150 BSWMA 1-31 Mar (JH, mob), ws reps

**Northern Pintail:** max 172 WRNWR 1-8 Mar (KW, mob); 23 WPFP 2 Mar (CR, KB); max 17 BSWMA 1-8 Mar (JH, mob).

**Green-winged Teal:** max 36 BSWMA 1-31 Mar (SG, mob); max 53 WRNWR 5 Mar (KK, mob); max 30 KP 18 Mar (DO), ws reps.

**Canvasback:** max 27 PP 1-16 Mar (KR, mob).

**Redhead:** max 2 1-11 Mar RLSP (CW); KP 2-13 Mar (RH, NM); BSWMA 6 Mar (JH, SB).

**Ring-necked Duck:** max 740 BSWMA 1-31 Mar (JH, mob); max 160 WRMWR 1-9 Mar (JCim, mob); max 223 FDRSP 1-9 Mar (AS, mob), ws reps.

**Surf Scoter:** EGR 11 Mar (GB, SCam); max 4 George Freer Memorial P ULST 19 Apr (WT, mob)

**White-winged Scoter:** max 7 EGR 5-30 Mar (GB, mob); KL 7 Apr (JH, mob); max 43 Plum Pt ORAN 19 Apr (SCam, mob); 15 Washington L ORAN 19 Apr (JCim, mob),

**Long-tailed Duck:** Lake Carmel PUTN 24 Mar (AMa, mob); 4 Orange L 24 Mar (BN, mob); 2 Sylvan L DUTC 24 Mar (AMa, mob); max 4 Sylvan L 1-4 Apr (CP, mob); 2

Dockside P PUTN 1 Apr (KB, mob); West Branch Res PUTN 14-18 Apr (TS); max 26 Plum Pt 19 Apr (SCam).

**Common Goldeneye:** 60 RR 13 Mar (JH, RDa).

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** George Freer Memorial P 2-5 Mar (LW, mob).

**Hooded Merganser:** max 110 BSWMA 1-31 Mar (SG, mob).

**Common Merganser:** max 200 Orange L 8 Mar (RDi, mob).

**Red-breasted Merganser:** max 2 NW 2-24 Mar (BN); 4 Chadwick L ORAN 19 Mar (YH); SHSR 27 Mar (RW, mob).

**Ruddy Duck:** max 6 Orange L 7 Mar-8 Apr (BN, mob); 26 Beaver Dam L ORAN 21 Mar (BN); 5 1 Apr (LS, mob); max 4 CPP 1-9 Apr (MA, mob); max 6 RLSP 5 Mar-4 Apr (ME, mob); max 38 Tarrytown L P WEST 27 Mar-3 Apr (JAm, mob).

**Ruffed Grouse:** 2 Marcott Rd ULST 19 Mar (DW); Kenneth Wilson SP ULST 20 Mar-3 Apr (RM, mob); max 2 Anderson Rd SULL 26 Mar-5 Apr (JH, mob).

**Pied-billed Grebe:** max 7 BSWMA 7 Mar (JH, mob), ws reps.

**Horned Grebe:** CPP 3 Mar (CR); Orange L 4 Mar (BN, mob); Beaver Dam L 5-11 Mar (JCim, mob); Sylvan L 6 Mar (CP, mob); 2 Citgo Pd 12 Mar (YH); 5 AR 18 Mar (PS); 12 AR 1 Apr (PS); 23 Orange L 1 Apr (BN); 4 KL 2 Apr (SB, mob).

**Red-necked Grebe:** 4 WL 24-25 Mar (MZ); WL 26 Mar, 1 Apr (JCim, mob); 9 Croton Falls Res PUTN 4 Apr (CR, KMcG); 2 Sylvan L 24 Mar (BM, mob); max 101 Plum Pt 19 Apr (GBen, mob).

**Yellow-billed Cuckoo:** BMSP 3 May (ML); Sparrowbush ORAN 5-11 May (SRe); Black Rock Forest ORAN 9 May (DA, mob), ws reps.

**Black-billed Cuckoo:** BSWMA 14 May (SA, mob); WL 14 May (JCim); RSP 14 May (FG), ws reps.

**Common Nighthawk:** RSP 11 May (GBen, TB); max 31 Upper Delaware River SULL 19-23 May (SG), ws reps.

**Eastern Whip-poor-will:** Ulster County Fairgrounds ULST 1-2 Apr (GF); Warwick ORAN 13 Apr (KV); Pine Kill Rd SULL 12 May (JH), ws reps.

**Chimney Swift:** 2 Garrison Institute PUTN 13 Apr (KB, RS); 15 Madam Brett P DUTC 25 Apr (AE).

**Ruby-throated Hummingbird:** Apple Hill Farm ULST 15 Apr (CK), many early reports.

**CLAPPER RAIL:** max 6 MC 14 Apr-31 May (JAm, mob).

**Virginia Rail:** max 2 GV 17-31 Mar (SCar, PS); BFAS 20 Mar (SCar); max 2 New Paltz 21-26 Mar (MS); 2 BSWMA 31 Mar (SG, mob), ws reps.

**Sora:** max 2 GV 9-10 Apr (PS); Sharon Station Rd DUTC 14 Apr (CP); Maybrook Trail PUTN 25 Apr (AM); BSWMA 7-25 May (PD, mob); max 2 WRMWR 26 Apr-13 May (LS, mob).

**Common Gallinule:** WRNWR 14 Apr (LS); SHSR 15 Apr (JCim); max 8 BSWMA 17 Apr-31 May (JH, mob).

**American Coot:** max 65 NCR 1 Mar-1 Apr (JAm, mob); max 7 WRNWR 7 Mar-5 Apr (KV, mob).

**Sandhill Crane:** Muhlig Rd SULL 23 Mar (JH); PP 27 Mar (CW, DB); max 3 WRNWR 1 Apr-31 May (JCin, mob); PP 8 Apr (ML); RSP 13 Apr (PC).

**American Oystercatcher:** max 2 EGR 2-30 Mar (GB, mob); max 2 MC 27 Mar-31 May (AS, mob).

**Black-bellied Plover:** 2 PP 4, 15 May (AWei); 2 MC 14 May (RH, mob); Hurleyville Rail Trail SULL 19 May (RDa, mob); PITN 20 May (RDi); 2 AR 19 May (PS).

**Semipalmated Plover:** PP 16 May (AWei); 3 Camel Farm 16 May (JCim); max 6 EGR 14 May (GB, mob), ws reps.

**Ruddy Turnstone:** EGR 12 Apr (GB, TB); EGR 19 May (GB, TB); MC 21 May (DC); Cornwall Bay ORAN 31 May (BN); Beacon Waterfront 31 May (JCim, DvZ).

**Stilt Sandpiper:** WRNWR 26 Apr (JCim, LS). **Sanderling:** PP 7 Apr (AWei); 2 Dobbs Ferry WEST 8 Apr (JAm).

**Dunlin:** WRNWR 1 Apr (JCin); 2 EGR 13 Apr (JAm); max 8 PP 4, 17-19 May (AWei); max 8 Camel Farm 20 May (RDi, JCim).

**Purple Sandpiper:** max 5 Rye Playland WEST 5 Mar (KMi, mob); 2 Rye Town P

WEST 10 Mar (GB); 2 EGR 13-14 Apr (GB, TB).

**Least Sandpiper:** 2 Camel Farm 24 Apr (JCim, LS); AP 26 Apr (SG, JH), ws reps.

**Pectoral Sandpiper:** OCBDR 19 Mar (AWi); 3 CPP 3 Apr (AS, mob); max 8 Camel Farm 24 Apr (JCim, LS).

**Semipalated Sandpiper:** PP 4 May (AWei); max 32 MC 7-31 May (MU, mob); max 3 Hurleyville Rail Trail 11-19 May (JH, mob).

**Short-billed Dowitcher:** PP 15 May (SCon); MC 15, 22 May (GB, mob).

**Wilson's Snipe:** max 6 CPP 1-14 Mar (CR, mob); max 7 BSWMA 8 Mar-1 Apr (JH, mob); max 44 OCBDR 10 Mar-1 Apr (KMi, mob), ws reps.

**Spotted Sandpiper:** Steamboat Riverfront P WEST 8 Apr (SRa).

**Solitary Sandpiper:** RSP 22 Apr (AS, mob).

**Lesser Yellowlegs:** Unionville ORAN 31 Mar (LS).

**Willet:** max 8 MC 14 Apr-31 May (JAm, mob).

**Greater Yellowlegs:** CPP 1-4 Apr (CR, mob); 2 MC 2 Apr (GB, TB); OCBDR 3 Apr (MZ).

**RAZORBILL:** 2 EGR 18 Mar (SCam, mob), *intro*.

**Bonaparte's Gull:** 12 NW 25 Mar-7 Apr (JCim, KMcD, mob); Dockside P 31 Mar (KB, CR); Croton Falls Res 1 Apr (SCam); max 6 AR 1-2 Apr (PS); 4 KL 7 Apr (JH, mob); 48 Dobbs Ferry 7 Apr (JAm); max 154 Dobbs Ferry 8 Apr (JAm); **max 523** NW 18 Apr (BN, mob); 240 KP 19 Apr (DW, mob), *intro*.

**Little Gull:** RSP 9 Apr (TW), *intro*.

**Laughing Gull:** MC 13 Apr (GG); PP 16 May (AWei).

**Iceland Gull:** NW 2 Mar (BN); Lent's Cove P WEST 3-4 Mar (SRa, mob); BW 12 Mar (MZ); NW 8 Apr (MZ).

**Glaucous Gull:** EGR 20 Mar (CR).

**LEAST TERN:** max 2 MC 14-31 May (JAm, mob).

**Caspian Tern:** 3 Kingston Pt 1-3 Apr (PS, mob); max 4 Sand Dock Rd Trail DUTC 1 Apr (CCh, mob); 2 Poughkeepsie DUTC 8 Apr (DvZ); Marist College DUTC 15 Apr (KB); 2 Sand Dock Rd Trail 21 Apr (CCh); Dockside P 30 Apr (SCam); Plum Pt 30 Apr (MZ); NW 30 Apr (BN, mob); Long Dock P DUTC 30 Apr (KB), ws reps.

**Black Tern:** 2 AR 19 May (PS).

**Common Tern:** New Hamburg Yacht Club 19 Apr (DvZ); 2 NR 4 May (JH, mob); Steamboat Riverfront P (LT); Cross River Res WEST 13 May (SCam, mob); max 3 EGR 13-31 May (GB, mob); max 4 MC 8-31 May (RH, mob).

**ARCTIC TERN:** max 20 BSWMA 13 May (JH, SB, KMB, KB, GZ); max 7 Glenmere L ORAN 13 May (KMi, LS, JCim, KK, MZ); Cross River Res 13 May (SCam, TB, GBen, mob); 3 Washington L (BN); max 6 New Hamburg Yacht Club DUTC 13-14 May (DvZ, mob); 18 PP 13 May (AWei); CPP 13 May (JW); 4 RL 13 May (JAs); 2 Riverfront P DUTC (DC); 3 Sand Dock Rd Trail (CCh); 4 Seeger Riverfront P DUTC 13 May (CF); site 4 KP 16-17 May (PS, mob), *intro*.

**Forster's Tern:** max 10 MC 14 Apr-31 May (AS, mob); PP 13 May (AWei); max 2 EGR 1-31 May (GB, mob).

**Red-throated Loon:** max 18 EGR 5 Mar-6 Apr (SCam, mob); CPP 3 Apr (CR, mob); KL 7 Apr (JH, mob).

**Common Loon:** max 3 Kensico Res WEST 3-9 Mar (SCam, mob).

**Northern Gannet:** max 682 EGR 7 Mar-13 Apr (KMCG, mob); 3 MC 25 Mar (GB), *intro*.

**Great Cormorant:** max 8 EGR 1-20 Mar (SCam, mob); max 7 Charles Pt WEST 5 Mar (JAm, mob).

**Double-crested Cormorant:** 195 Sand Dock Rd Trail Apr (CC).

**NEOTROPIC CORMORANT:** NW 28-31 May (BN, KMCD, mob), *intro*.

**American Bittern:** GV 2, 20 Apr (PS, mob); BSWMA 5 Apr-31 May (KMi, mob); SGNWR 16-26 Apr (SL, mob); max 2 HVRT 21-26 Apr (BM, mob).

**Least Bittern:** GV 4 May (RM); Kingston Pt. 13-16 May (RM, mob); WRNWR 14 May (RZ, DB); Hurleyville Rail Trail 16 May (JH, mob).  
**Great Egret:** WRMWR 15 Mar (LS); Deforest L ROCK 15-16 Mar (IR); 2 Larchmont Res WEST 19 Mar (KMCG).

**Snowy Egret:** max 3 EGR 1 Apr-31 May (GB, mob); RSP 12 Apr (BY, mob); max 3 CRS 14 Apr-15 May (SRa, mob); MC 1 Apr-31 May (EM, mob), coastal.

**Little Blue Heron:** PP 8 Apr (ML, AWei).

**Cattle Egret:** Sharon Station Rd DUTC 17-26 Apr (CP, mob); CPP 26 Apr (GB, TB).

**Green Heron:** Sand Dock Rd Trail 31 Mar (CCh); Lasdon P and Arboretum WEST 4 Apr (MP).

**Black-crowned Night-Heron:** 2 Deforest L 29 Mar (IR); max 3 TBWMA 17-21 May (KB, mob), ws reps.

**Yellow-crowned Night-Heron:** max 4 Titus Mill Pd WEST 30 Mar-31 May (GBen, mob); VanBurenville Rd ORAN 4-17 May (JD, mob).

**Glossy Ibis:** max 3 WRNWR 18 Apr-5 May (TS, mob); Camel Farm 22-25 May (JCim).

**Osprey:** Saugerties Lighthouse 17 Mar (AB, SCH); Lake Casse PUTN 19 Mar (HB); Orange L 19 Mar (JCim).

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Spook Hill Rd DUTC 5 May (ES), *intro*.

**Golden Eagle:** Strever Farm DUTC 16 Mar (CP); max 5 Ten Mile River Pres DUTC 2-13 Mar (DK, mob).

**Northern Harrier:** max 10 SGNWR 1 Mar-25 May (KMCD, mob); CPP 8 Mar-27 Apr (SL, mob).

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** SFSP 22 May (JCim, FP), *intro*.

**Broad-winged Hawk:** Chadwick L 4 Apr (KMi).

**Rough-legged Hawk:** N Clove Rd DUTC 22 Mar-3 Apr (AM).

**Eastern Screech-Owl:** Ulster P ULST 4 Mar-14 Apr (DT, mob); Rutgers Marsh ORAN 23 Apr (SA); BSWMA 7-18 May (MVD, mob).

**Great Horned Owl:** BSWMA 7 Mar-12 Apr (JH, mob); max 3 CIOES 26 Mar-24 Apr (JAs, mob); MC 5 Mar-23 Apr (MBoc, mob).

**Snowy Owl:** Stone Church Rd Wetland ULST 20 Mar (RM, PS).

**Barred Owl:** max 2 SGNWR 1 Mar-22 Apr (SL, mob); Stony Kill Farm EEC DUTC 26 Mar-16 Apr (OS, mob); max 2 Cranberry L Pres WEST 20 Mar-24 Apr (MJ, mob), ws reps.

**Short-eared Owl:** max 10 SGNWR 1-18 Mar (GP, mob); max 2 OCBDR 3-4 Mar (RDi, mob).

**Northern Saw-whet Owl:** Lake Truesdale WEST 2 Mar (ET); Pole Rd SULL 12 May (SG, mob).

**Red-headed Woodpecker:** max 4 Weston Rd ULST 13 Mar-30 May (DB, mob); GL 2 Apr (KA); RSP 22 Apr-22 May (TW, mob).

**Monk Parakeet:** Dobbs Ferry Landing WEST 24 Apr (JAm); 25 Titus Mill Pd 1 Apr (KMcG).

**Great Crested Flycatcher:** Nichols Pres WEST 24 Apr (GB); SSF 25 Apr (KH); Dennings Pt DUTC 26 Apr (TM), ws reps.  
**Eastern Kingbird:** Cross River Res WEST 21 Apr (TJ); max 2 RSP 22-30 Apr (AS, mob); Dennings Pt 27 Apr (AL).

**Olive-sided Flycatcher:** CPP 15 May (LO, mob).

**Eastern Wood-Pewee:** CPP 3 May (LT); CMACS 8 May (SCam, MM).

**Yellow-bellied Flycatcher:** Montrose WEST 15 May (GBer); MC 18, 21 May (LMe, DC).

**Acadian Flycatcher:** max 2 Gumaer Falls Rd SULL 14-31 May (SCam, mob); SFSP 8-31 May (VP, mob); BMSP 14 May (AWelb, mob).

**Alder Flycatcher:** Fir Brook SULL 14 May (LV, JH); CPP 16 May (KB, mob); Kenneth Wilson SP 16 May (PS, mob), ws reps.

**Willow Flycatcher:** PHP 7 May (KB, mob); Kingston 7 May (WT, mob); Hurleyville Rail Trail 11 May (JH).

**Least Flycatcher:** Hurleyville Rail Trail 25 Apr (JH); SSF 25 Apr (KH); Ring Rd DUTC 25 Apr (LMa).

**White-eyed Vireo:** Fitzgerald Falls ORAN 24 Apr (DW); LGC 25 Apr (LS); RSP 30 Apr (TW), ws reps.

**Yellow-throated Vireo:** Golden Hill ULST 14 Apr (GF).

**Blue-headed Vireo:** Esopus Bend Nature Pres ULST 13 Apr (SCh).

**Warbling Vireo:** BSWMA 25 Apr (SB).

**Red-eyed Vireo:** BMSP 1 May (ML); Mine Rd ORAN 6 May (JCim).

**Bank Swallow:** 8 New Hamburg Yacht Club 19 Apr (DvZ); 2 BSWMA 26 Apr (JH, SB); 3 CRS 25-26 Apr (CR, mob).

**Tree Swallow:** 12 CPP 11 Mar (LT, mob); 15 Citgo Pd 12 Mar (YH).

**Northern Rough-winged Swallow:** max 2 CPP 13 Mar (DC, mob), ws reps.

**Purple Martin:** max 20 Walden ORAN 6-30 Apr (JK); max 10 Bellvale ORAN 9-30 Apr (JS); max 6 CPP 9-30 Apr (JW, mob), ws reps. in low numbers.

**Barn Swallow:** max 15 CPP 31 Mar-26 Apr (GB, mob); max 20 BSWMA 26 Apr (JH, mob).

**Cliff Swallow:** 4 RR 18 Apr (SCam); max 10 Cross River Res 20-30 Apr (KMcG, mob); max 8 CRS 25-27 Apr (CR, mob), ws reps.

**Marsh Wren:** George's Island P WEST 4 Apr (SRA); Bowdoin County P WEST 17 Apr (DvZ); Hurleyville Rail Trail 25 Apr (SB).

**Gray Catbird:** WPFP 2 Apr (CR).

**Brown Thrasher:** max 4 PHP 11 Apr (CF, mob); max 3 BSWMA 14 Apr (SB, mob); max 2 PP 21-29 Apr (AWei, mob).

**Veery:** Peekskill PUTN 24 Apr (MU); Taconic-Herford MUA DUTC 28 Apr (SCar).

**Gray-cheeked Thrush:** BMSP 14-22 May (AC, mob); BSWMA 15-24 May (JH, mob); Huguenot ORAN 15 May (MVD); Rye Nature Center WEST 22 May (GB, TB).

**Bicknell's Thrush:** 5 Slide Mountain ULST 29 May (PM).

**Swainson's Thrush:** Muscoot Res WEST 3 May (TA); RSP 6 May (BS); max 3 BSWMA 8 May (SB), ws reps.

**Wood Thrush:** Dennings Pt 24 Apr (PM); BSWMA 25 Apr (JH); EGR 25 Apr (GB), ws reps.

**American Pipit:** 5 Washington L 26 Mar (JCim); max 3 BSWMA 10 Mar (JH); 9 OCBDR 31 Mar (LS).

**Red Crossbill:** max 3 Black Rock Forest 18 Mar-15 Apr (DA, KMcD, mob); 6 Hunter Road SULL 21 Mar (JH); max 7 Cooley Bog SULL 22 Mar-22 Apr (RDa, mob); max 5 Anderson Rd 26 Mar-18 Apr (RM, mob), *intro*.

**Pine Siskin:** max 3 Putnam Valley PUTN 10-16 Mar (RE); 3 Mahopac PUTN 10 Mar (DD); 24 Cooley Bog 21 Mar-22 Apr (JH, mob); max 20 Fir Brook SULL 22 Mar-9 Apr (PD, mob), *intro*.

**Grasshopper Sparrow:** max 4 SGNWR 24 Apr-31 May (SW, mob); CPP 13-22 May (MU, mob); max 3 Redhook DUTC 13-24 May (KB, mob).

**White-crowned Sparrow:** 4 OCBDR 4 Apr (LS); Stony Kill Farm EEC 14 Apr (KH); 2 George's Island P 19 Apr (NZ).

**Vesper Sparrow:** max 3 CPP 9-13 Apr (LO, mob); Stony Kill Farm EEC 12-13 Apr (KB, mob); Dennings Pt 13 Apr (AL), ws reps.

**LeCONTE'S SPARROW:** CPP 31 Mar (KL), *intro*.

**Lincoln's Sparrow:** BSWMA 7-16 May (SB, mob); CIOES 9 Apr (JAs); CPP 9 May (AS, mob); PHP 13 May (MR, mob), ws reps.

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** Cranberry L Pres 22 Apr (JL); SFSP 21-22 May (KK, mob).

**Bobolink:** 2 Wisner Rd ORAN 25 Apr (KV); max 5 SGNWR 1-5 May (SW, mob); 6 Ludlow Woods Rd DUTC 6 May (DK).

**Orchard Oriole:** RSP 29 Apr-2 May (AS, mob); Stony P P ROCK 1 May (ML, AWei); max 3 BSWMA 3-21 May (JH, mob), ws reps.

**Baltimore Oriole:** RSP 22 Apr (AS, mob).

**Rusty Blackbird:** 30 DHCLP 20 Mar (RD<sup>i</sup>); 10 New Paltz ULST 21 Mar (MS); 60 BSWMA 31 Mar (JH), ws reps.

**BOAT-TAILED GRACKLE:** MC 15 Apr (GBen, TB), *intro*.

**Ovenbird:** Devoe Rd WEST 15 Apr (MF).

**Worm-eating Warbler:** Winding Hills P ORAN 30 Apr (RD<sup>i</sup>)

**Louisiana Waterthrush:** Kakiat County P ROCK 9 Apr (CW); Phillipstown P PUTN 9 Apr (RB); BSWMA 10-11 Apr (SB, mob), ws reps.

**Northern Waterthrush:** Cross River Res 22 Apr (DA); William Clough Pres PUTN 24 Apr (KB, SCam); BSWMA 25 Apr (DB).

**Golden-winged Warbler:** SFSP 5-11 May (KK, mob); Millbrook DUTC 6 May (JAs).

**Blue-winged Warbler:** RSP 24-26 Apr (FG, mob); Haverstraw Bay County P ROCK 25 Apr (ML); BSWMA 3 May (SB), ws reps.

**Black-and-white Warbler:** Madam Brett P 17 Apr (JY); Glenmere L 20 Apr (KA); BSWMA 21 Apr (SG, mob), ws reps.

**Tennessee Warbler:** Hunt-Parker Sanctuary WEST 3 May (TJ); RSP 4 May (AS); Cranberry L Pres 4 May (NG).

**Orange-crowned Warbler:** Old Post Rd Red Hook DUTC 3-4 May (ES); Clove Rd ORAN 5 May (AP, LR); OMRLMSP 5 May (KB); PHP 6-11 May (MR, mob).

**Nashville Warbler:** LGC 24 Apr (JCim); Montrepose Cemetery ULST 28 Apr (LF); BSWMA 5 May (MBu, mob), ws reps.

**Mourning Warbler:** SFSP 15 May (KK); max 2 BSWMA 17-19 May (MBor, mob); Pamela Rd WEST 17 May (EB), ws reps.

**Kentucky Warbler:** Gibson Hill Rd ORAN 20 May (JS, DW); Westmorland Sanctuary WEST 24 May (SRI).

**Common Yellowthroat:** NCR 14 Apr (KL); WRNWR 16 Apr (LS); Tallman Mountain SP ROCK 19 Apr (AWei).

**Hooded Warbler:** Pruyne Sanctuary WEST 5 May (AS, mob); BSWMA 5 May (GZ); 2 SFSP 5 May (KK)..

**American Redstart:** WRNWR 24 Apr (LS); BSWMA 25 Apr (JH); Dennings Pt SP 25 Apr (AL), ws reps.

**Cape May Warbler:** Winding Hills P 2 May (RD<sup>i</sup>, JCim); WL 2 May (KK), Huson Rd SULL 4 May (RD<sup>a</sup>, MG<sup>o</sup>).

**Cerulean Warbler:** BMSP 1 May (MBoc, mob); BSWMA 3 May (JH, SB); Deep Hollow Rd DUTC 4 May (DK).

**Northern Parula:** Walden 14 Apr (AMo); max 2 BSWMA 25 Apr (SB, mob).

**Magnolia Warbler:** Hurleyville Rail Trail 30 Apr (SA).

**Bay-breasted Warbler:** BSWMA 5 May (KMB); RSP 5 May (MGr); Kathryn Gorman Ponds P ROCK 6 May (ML).

**Blackburnian Warbler:** LGC 24 Apr (JCim).

**Yellow Warbler:** NW 2 Mar- 3 Apr (BN, mob).

**Chestnut-sided Warbler:** WRNWR 26 Apr (LS); CIEOS 27 Apr (JAs, CP).

**Blackpoll Warbler:** Cranberry L Pres 3 May (MJ).

**Black-throated Blue Warbler:** Kendridge Farm ORAN 24 Apr (JCim); Kingston 24 Apr (MGr); Lake Devenoge SULL 25 Apr (NH).

**Palm Warbler:** 2 Glynwood Farms PUTN 17 Mar (CR).

**Pine Warbler:** Cranberry L Pres 20 Mar (MJ, GBen).

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** Cranberry L Pres 12 Apr (KMcG, mob); CIEOS 13 Apr (JAs, SCar); Oscawana Island Nature Pres WEST 16-17 Apr (KD, mob); CPP 26-28 Apr (JW, mob); DR 17 May (AWei, AWell), *intro*.

**Prairie Warbler:** Benedict P ORAN 21 Apr (TB), ws reps.

**Black-throated Green Warbler:** GV 24 Apr (PS); Lake Devenoge 24 Apr (NH); Deep Hollow Rd DUTC 25 Apr (CP, DK).

**Canada Warbler:** Cranberry L Pres 3 May (MJ).

**Wilson's Warbler:** CPP 3 May (AS, LT);  
Madam Brett P 3 May (AV); BSWMA 6-10  
May (GZ, mob).

**Summer Tanager:** MC 6 May (RH); SFSP 13  
May (FP).

**Scarlet Tanager:** Kathryn Gorman Pd P 25  
Apr (ML).

**Rose-breasted Grosbeak:** RSP 23 Apr (AS).  
Blue Grosbeak: BMSP 21 May (TJ).

**Indigo Bunting:** Dennings Pt SP 25 Apr (AL).

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## REGION 10—MARINE

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Precipitation totals were similar to 2021: lower than average for March and April. The area had about two inches less rain than expected during that period but had a slightly wetter than average May. Temperatures across Region 10 (R10) were above normal in March and May, with stronger deviation in March, but were very nearly seasonal in April. A stationary low-pressure area to the south in mid-May kept winds strongly unfavorable for migrants, which frustrated birders, but did cause an unprecedented event which is covered below.

Temp	Central Park			Islip		
	Mean	Normal	Deviation	Mean	Normal	Deviation
Mar	43.3°	41.1°	+2.2°	42.4°	39.9°	+3.2°
Apr	50.9°	50.9°	+0.0°	50.0°	49.7°	+0.3°
May	62.2°	60.5°	+1.7°	61.7°	59.5°	+2.2°

Precip	Total	Normal	Deviation	Total	Normal	Deviation
Mar	2.62"	3.94"	-1.32"	3.99"	4.51"	-0.52"
Apr	3.1"	3.55"	-0.45"	2.49"	4.06"	-1.57"
May	4.34"	3.66"	+0.68"	4.24"	3.28"	+0.96"

Coverage during this period more resembled the pre-pandemic efforts after two irregular springs. This is in part why this season had a higher species total, but there were also a few exciting rarities. As always, this spring report captures some notable birds that were first detected in winter or even fall and then clung tightly to a routine for many weeks. A **Pink-footed Goose** in Bridgehampton fell into this category. A **Western Tanager** again spent the winter in Carl Schurz Park in Manhattan before disappearing early in this period. A **Northern Shrike** in eastern Suffolk just made into this report by hours.

Short-distance migrant arrivals can be hard to track, as there already may be overwintering individuals present in R10 when they arrive. However, it would be otherwise challenging to explain why the few wintering **American Woodcock** in Brooklyn all gathered in Green-wood Cemetery in the first week of March, as a single observer was able to detect an impressive twenty-five individuals during their visit there. The cityscape consistently seems to disrupt this species' migration in particular.

While the rarities of April and May are somewhat expected and predictable, rarities in March can be particularly strange, or absent. This March saw nothing terribly unusual, except for a very early **Least Sandpiper** that was documented nicely at Great Kills.

Of the longer-distance migrants, most arrived within the same window as the last few years. Many species were roughly tied with their earliest dates, but fewer records were set than in 2021. The only new early date was for **Purple Martin**, which was recorded on 19 March, just beating its previous early record by a couple of days.

April saw a variety of amazing reports come in. On 2 April, a **Zone-tailed Hawk** was nicely documented flying over Brooklyn's Green-wood Cemetery. This species has been on the short list for the state for a while, with at least one individual migrating up the East Coast in several different years now and some very suggestive sight reports in R10. Thanks to the good photos taken, this species can finally be considered for the state list.

Another spectacular find was a suspicious brown *Anas* duck in southwestern Suffolk which turned out to be the state's first **Mottled Duck**. It had some sort of routine which repeatedly brought it back to a tiny pond in Amityville for over two weeks. Despite being seen flying in and out of that pond, it was never detected elsewhere. It was vigorously courting a female Mallard, which raised further questions. It was only seen once after late April, and was copulating with a Mallard. Not to spoil a future issue, but a Mottled Duck was again seen here in the fall. Did it reproduce quietly nearby or did it follow Mallards farther north?

Other really interesting April reports in Brooklyn included the county's first recorded **Black-throated Gray Warbler** on the 29<sup>th</sup> and a **White Ibis**. With an explosion of breeding White Ibis as close as southern New Jersey, this sort of sighting surely is becoming more expected. Again no spoilers, but this report ended up being the first of many in R10 in 2022. A **Swallow-tailed Kite** was a spectacular flyover for a lucky observer on Staten Island, and **Mississippi Kites** continued their trend and were seen all over the Region.

In May, songbird migration was highlighted by another western warbler in Brooklyn, a **Townsend's Warbler**. This record was made even more interesting by the occurrence of another individual at the same park in September 2021. Although increasing in our area, **Painted Bunting** is still unexpected in spring, and the only observation was of a female that was documented briefly bathing in little pool in Central Park.

Other May rarities included a **King Rail** found at Timber Point in Suffolk, and a **Magnificent Frigatebird** that lingered around the eastern end of the North Fork and allowed a rare successful frigatebird chase for some who tried. Staten Island had its first **Black-bellied Whistling-Duck**, leaving only New York and Bronx counties to join the increasingly prosaic club. A few **Bicknell's Thrush** were carefully documented singing in the city parks, and a **Cliff x Barn Swallow hybrid** was discovered to be happy in a small Barn Swallow colony in Inwood Hill. Two single **Little Gulls** in Nassau and Suffolk are not shocking given the regular spring reports from certain sites in New Jersey, but we often go without seeing them during this period. A **Great Blue Heron** of the Floridian **Great White** variety was briefly seen at Shinnecock Inlet, and Nassau and Suffolk each had one **Black-necked Stilt**.

A few pelagic sightings were recorded this period, with one dedicated pelagic being run for the public on the *American Princess* in May. With the 2021 retirement of Paul Guris' Paulagic birding company, which handled logistics and connected birders to various fishing fleets over its long run, the community is lucky to have a local whale-watch outfitter understand the demand for seabird cruises. There tend to be few reports from offshore during spring, but they are often surprising. This pelagic turned up **Dovekie**, **Atlantic Puffin**, and **Black-capped Petrel**, which all seem unseasonal but perhaps really are not.

Although usually associated with June and July, last spring's reported included an early Arctic Tern sighting from an expected beach location. This year there were no sightings like that, but **Arctic Tern** was very suddenly available to birders all across the Northeastern US on 13 May. Northeast winds had been stifling songbird migration for several days leading up to this, and apparently frustrating northbound Arctic Terns at sea. There had been a few coastal sightings to the south and some suspect that the terns may have been unable to advance north at this time. The event was not exactly a fallout because it actually coincided with improving weather, so it is likely that some terns tried to capitalize on the wind change and power straight north over land. From there, some seemed to change their mind and follow rivers such as the Connecticut and the Hudson back south toward more open water. Groups of up to three dozen were seen at over ten locations around R10, with most being in the city, trickling down the Hudson into New York Harbor or the Long Island Sound, and none from the barrier beaches or Atlantic seawatches.

310 species were recorded this period.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

**APP** – Alley Pd P, QUEE; **BPt** – Breezy Pt, QUEE; **CHP** – Conference House P, RICH; **CP** – Central P, NEWY; **GKP** – Great Kills P, RICH; **GwC** – Green-Wood Cemetery, KING; **IHP** – Inwood Hill P, NEWY; **JBSP** – Jones Beach SP, NASS; **JBWR** – Jamaica

Bay Wildlife Refuge, QUEE; **MF** – Miller Field, RICH; **MP** – Montauk Pt SP, SUFF; **OMNSA** – Oceanside Marine Nature Study Area, NASS; **PtL** – Point Lookout, NASS; **PlumbB** – Plumb Beach, KING; **PP** – Prospect P, KING; **RanI** – Randall's I, NEWY; **RMSp** – Robert Moses SP, SUFF; **Shinn** – Shinnecock In, SUFF.

**BLACK-BELLIED WHISTLING-DUCK:**

MF 18 May thru end of period (D. Barbato, mob), first RICH record.

**PINK-FOOTED GOOSE:** Bridgehampton SUFF 5 Mar (C. Gangemi, M. Doyle), continuing.

**Cackling Goose:** Cutchogue SUFF 1 Mar (B. Bolduc).

**SNOW GOOSE x BRANT (hybrid):** caps/Canarsie Pier KING thru 24 Apr (mob), one continuing of former duo.

**Tundra Swan:** only reports: 7 CHP 16 Mar (J. Stetson), flyover flock; Orient SUFF 18 Mar (P. Lauber), feeding in field with geese.

**Eurasian Wigeon:** dep Bush Terminals Piers P KING 9 Apr (ABks).

**MOTTLED DUCK:** Ketcham's Ck SUFF 5 Apr – 15 May (E. Mutchnick, mob), *intro*.

**Ring-necked Duck x Greater Scaup (hybrid):** Connetquot Ri SP Pres SUFF 5 and 13 Mar (SSM, PJL), ph.

**Canvasback:** max 153 Flushing QUEE (G. Vidal); several single migrants briefly at non-traditional sites in KING and SUFF in early Mar.

**Redhead:** max 58 Avon L, Amityville SUFF 2 Mar (L. Sanders), singles elsewhere in KING, QUEE, NASS, SUFF.

**King Eider:** m GKP thru 24 Apr (mob); m Shinn 27 Mar (P. Hanly).

**Harlequin Duck:** 2 m Horton Pt, Southold SUFF 24 Mar (JSep, JRan); max 6 PtL 13 Mar (mob); Sagamore Hill NASS 4 May (A. Leidig), unusual loc.

**Long-tailed Duck:** max 4930 BPt 6 Mar (DG, SSI, MEp).

**Barrow's Goldeneye:** f Wildwood SP SUFF 7 Mar (JRan), continuing ind.

**Northern Bobwhite:** several reports in SUFF from known reintroductions but some in historical areas on N Fork.

**Ring-necked Pheasant:** individuals from RICH, KING, QUEE, NASS, and SUFF.

**Red-necked Grebe:** few, max 9 GKP 25 Mar (SSM).

**KING RAIL:** Timber Point Golf Course SUFF 19 May thru (JGI, mob), possibly paired with a Clapper Rail.

**Black-necked Stilt:** Scallop Pd Pres SUFF 17-24 May (K. Corwin, mob); Lido Beach Passive Natural Area NASS 28 May (S. Salazar, mob).

**American Golden-Plover:** Ditch Plains Beach SUFF 13 Apr (C. Link), ph.

**Upland Sandpiper:** Eastport SUFF 1 May (S. Biasetti).

**Whimbrel:** <10 reports, incl the Battery NEWY 14 May (mob), flying over bay, unusual loc.

**Red Knot:** max 160 JBSP (SFe, KFe).

**Least Sandpiper:** arr GKP 13 Mar (M. Shikhman), very early, ph.

**American Woodcock:** max 25 GwC 6 Mar (mob), *intro*.

**Red-necked Phalarope:** pelagic coordinates 39.7177, -72.69724, SUFF 23 May (mob).

**Red Phalarope:** pelagic coordinates 39.3656, -72.2807, SUFF 23 May (mob).

**Parasitic Jaeger:** few, arr RMSp 11 May (PJL, SSM).

**Dovekie:** pelagic coordinates 39.49849, -72.36649, SUFF 23 May (mob).

**Razorbill:** dep BPt 25 Mar (DSchu, L. Scheppke).

**Atlantic Puffin:** pelagic coordinates 39.49849, -72.36649, SUFF 23 May (mob).

**Black-headed Gull:** E Hampton golf course 12 Mar (AnW); max 2 Plumb B 18 Mar (R. Payne); other reports all around coastal KING; Old Field Pt SUFF thru 20 Mar (mob).

**Little Gull:** Nickerson Beach NASS 14 May (JGI); Sagaponack Pd SUFF 29 May (MYu).

**Herring x Glaucous Gull (hybrid):** Governor's I NEWY 1 Apr (GW, A. Diamond).

**Gull-billed Tern:** arr PlumbB 26 Apr (R. Fleming).

**Arctic Tern:** reported from around 10 locations from all counties except QUEE and

KING, max 37 Kings Pt NASS 13 May (MMcB), *intro*.

**Norther Fulmar:** pelagic coordinates 40.0790, -71.3590 SUFF 7 Apr (E. Martin); pelagic coordinates 39.9834,-71.0375 SUFF 16 Apr (E. Martin).

**BLACK-CAPPED PETREL:** pelagic coordinates 39.3656, -72.2807 SUFF 23 May (mob).

**MAGNIFICENT FRIGATEBIRD:** Orient SUFF 24 May (JRan, mob); Gardiner's I SUFF 27 May (F. Durso), surely same ind.

**Brown Pelican:** Old Orchard Light RICH 21-22 May (J. Smallwood, D. Barbato), early.

**GREAT BLUE HERON (GREAT WHITE):** Shinnecock In SUFF 25 May (J. Ash).

**Cattle Egret:** OMNSA 31 Mar (mob); Quogue SUFF 17 Apr (mob); Cemetery of the Resurrection RICH 10 May (ACian, mob); MF 23 May (ACian).

**WHITE IBIS:** Calvert Vaux P, KING 12 Apr (J. Smith), *intro*.

**Black Vulture:** many BRON, NEWY, RICH, several KING, QUEE, NASS, and SUFF.

**SWALLOW-TAILED KITE:** Todt Hill RICH 21 Apr (M. Shanley).

**MISSISSIPPI KITE:** records from all counties except BRON and QUEE.

**ZONE-TAILED HAWK:** GwC 2 Apr (mob), *intro*.

**Pileated Woodpecker:** several locations in RICH, also Planting Fields Arboretum area NASS 23 Apr -3 May (M. Watros, mob); IHP 27 April – 14 May (mob); Forest P QUEE 11 May thru end of period (K. Mirth, mob).

**Northern Shrike:** North Fork Pres SUFF 1 Mar (mob); continuing from winter.

**Purple Martin:** arr MP 19 Mar (K&A Mirth). **Barn x Cliff Swallow (hybrid):** IHP 24 May thru end of period (DAr, mob), *intro*.

**BICKNELL'S THRUSH:** CP 8-15 May (mob); CP 20-21 May (DG, M. Davis, mob);

PP 20-21 May (RyM, mob); GwC 21 May (M. Silber, JMal).

**Clay-colored Sparrow:** Coindre Hall SUFF 10-14 May (A. Leidig, mob); Owl's Head P KING 10 May (mob); Salt Marsh Nature Center KING 13 May (HLo, J. Kepler).

**Nelson's Sparrow:** PlumbB 21-28 May (MEp, mob); Salt Marsh Nature Center KING 22 May (RyM, mob); Timber Pt CP SUFF 28 May thru end of period (mob).

**Yellow-breasted Chat:** Pipes Cove Pres SUFF 29-30 Apr (JSep, KJK); CP 9-11 May (mob); PP 11 May (P. Merle); JBWR 15, 17 May (C. Mignone, DCh, JSch).

**Prothonotary Warbler:** arr APP 9 Apr (C. Wang).

**Cerulean Warbler:** Cold Spring Harbor Lab NASS 3 May (L. Zhang); Ft Tryon P NEWY 12 May (M. Waldron); CP 12 May (mob); Wading River yard SUFF 18 May (BBu).

**Yellow-throated Warbler:** arr CP 1 Apr (P. Sweet, mob).

**TOWNSEND'S WARBLER:** GwC 20-21 May (A. Kramer, C. Duhalde, mob).

**BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER:** PP 29 Apr (RyM, mob), first for KING.

**Summer Tanager:** arr Harlem yard NEWY 21 Apr (T. Collins).

**WESTERN TANAGER:** Carl Schurz P NEWY thru 23 Mar (mob), overwinterer; PP 25 May (F. Wickman, mob).

**Blue Grosbeak:** arr RanI 4 Apr (TH).

**PAINTED BUNTING:** f PP 19 May (D. Barrett).

## EXOTICS

**European Goldfinch:** traditional areas in KING; also E Northport feeder 2 Apr (VCh fide N. Klein); and JFK Wildlife Sanctuary NASS 27 May thru end of period (mob).

## ADDENDUM TO SPRING 2021 REPORT:

**BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER:** JFK Wildlife Refuge, Tobay SUFF 28 Apr 2021 (JCar), single observer sighting well-described to PJL.

## **REPORTING YOUR OBSERVATIONS**

Observers are strongly encouraged to report their findings directly to the Regional Editors, to help identify significant trends. Summary reports of observations; impressions of notable patterns in the weather, timing of migration, unusual scarcity or abundance of particular species, etc.; and notable individual records are highly valued. For maximum usefulness, send in reports no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of each season:

15 March, 15 June, 15 September, and 15 December.

## **STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS**

Regional rarities appear in **BOLD**; county names are shortened to their first four letters and appear in **UPPER CASE** letters; months are shortened to their first three letters. In species accounts: number of individuals omitted implies that one individual was reported; ! – details seen by Regional Editor; ad – adult; alt – alternate plumage; arr – arrival or first of season; BBS – Breeding Bird Survey; BOTS – bird of the season; CBC – Christmas Bird Count; Co – County; I – Island; imm – immature; intro – see introduction to report; juv – juvenile; L – Lake; max – maximum; mob – multiple observers; Mt – Mountain; NYSDEC – New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; NWR – National Wildlife Refuge; NYSARC – report to New York State Avian Records Committee; P – park; Pd – Pond; ph – photographed; Pres – Preserve; Pt – Point; Res – Reservoir; Ri – River; SP – State Park; spm – specimen; subad – subadult; T – Town of; thru – throughout period; Twn – township; WMA – Wildlife Management Area; y – young.

## **BREEDING BIRD ATLAS CODES**

These codes are listed in ascending order to highest breeding codes.

**POSSIBLE:** H – in appropriate habitat; S – singing bird.

**PROBABLE:** S7 – singing male present 7+ days; M – multiple (7+) singing males; P – pair in suitable habitat; T – territorial defense; C – courtship, display, or copulation; N – visiting probable nest site; A – agitated behavior; B – woodpecker/wren nest building.

**CONFIRMED:** PE – physiological evidence; CN – carrying nesting material; NB – nest building; DD – distraction display; UN – used nest; ON – occupied nest; FL – recently fledged and precocial young; CF – carrying food; FY – feeding young; FS – carrying fecal sac; NE nest with eggs; NY – nest with young.

## **REPORTING REGIONS**

Regional boundaries coincide with county lines, except at:

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the boundary is NY Route 98 from Pt. Breeze to Batavia; NY Route 63 from Batavia to Pavilion, and NY Route 19 from Pavilion to the Allegany County line.

Region 2-Region 3 in Ontario County:

the boundary is Mud Creek to NY Route 64, NY Route 64 from Bristol Center to S. Bristol Springs, and Route 21 from S. Bristol Springs to the Yates County line.

Region 3-Region 5 in Cayuga County:

the boundary is NY Route 31.

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